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A MESSAGE FROM FR. ROSICA

One of the propositions (#18) of last October's Synod of Bishops submitted to Pope Benedict at the Synod's end dealt directly with our work and mission at Salt and Light:

"The use of means of social communication has an important role to play in order to reach every person with the message of salvation. In this field, especially in the world of electronic communications, it is necessary that convinced Christians be formed, prepared and made capable of transmitting faithfully the content of the faith and of Christian morality. They should have the ability to use well the languages and the instruments of today that are available for communication in the global village. The most effective form of this communication of the faith remains the sharing of the testimony of life, without which none of the "media" efforts will result in an effective transmission of the Gospel. Education in the wise and constructive use of social media is an important means to be utilized in the New Evangelization."

When I was invited eleven years ago to undertake this daunting mission, I would have never believed that we would help to tell the world the story of three popes, of momentous changes in the church, and be invited to serve the Church at local, national and universal levels. Ten years ago, I could have never imagined the privileges and blessings of being associated with so many outstanding young women and men from around the world who share our mission and passion. Ten years later, I realize that we have only just begun.

PENTECOST 2013

I am writing these words on the eve of Pentecost 2013, the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost, the full meaning of Jesus' life and message is poured into our hearts by the Spirit alive in the community. The movement of the Spirit

in people results in gifts and talents. This movement does not reach its end in individuals. Rather, it is supposed to have a ripple effect so that our unique abilities promote the common good. The Spirit's gifts are many: teaching, instructing, healing, consoling, forgiving, and encouraging.

One manifestation of the Spirit at Pentecost is joy. The Holy Spirit is present when there is joy instead of pessimism, meanness of spirit and smallness of heart. Let me leave you with this thought on joy. Venerable Pope Paul VI's 1975 Apostolic Letter on Christian Joy—"Gaudete in Domino"—contained the following: "Let the agitated members of various groups therefore reject the excesses of systematic and destructive criticism! Without departing from a realistic viewpoint, let Christian communities become centers of optimism where all the members resolutely endeavor to perceive the positive aspect of people and events. "Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth."

Those words sum up what we have tried to become and accomplish over the past decade, or rather what the Lord has been able to accomplish through us.

During the recent papal transition in Rome, in which Salt and Light Television played a very important role, I heard many times from numerous people how much the world and the Church need the joyful, hopeful message of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation and our many media platforms.

This edition of the Salt and Light Magazine gives you a snapshot, a small idea of what we have accomplished and introduces you to those who believe in us around the world. May it also serve as an invitation to support us with your prayers, friendship and financial gifts so that our work may continue long into the future. For all that has been, thanks. For all that is to come, yes!

Thank you for believing in us.

■ Fr. Thomas Rosica is CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation

One day last October, as I sat in the Synod Hall of the Vatican, serving as English language Media Attaché of this universal gathering of Church leaders who had come together to reflect for three weeks on the theme, "The New Evangelization and the Transmission of the Christian Faith," several thoughts were running through my mind. Sitting with me were two of our young producers at Salt and Light, Sebastian Gomes and Charles Le Bourgeois. Before me were the Pope, Cardinals, bishops, Church leaders, experts and papal appointees from every corner of the globe. Each of them had in their hands our most recent Salt and Light Magazine featuring the soon-to-be St. Kateri Tekawitha on the cover! The message and work of Salt and Light had indeed reached out far beyond our borders!

During the Synod, I saw flash before me the past ten years of our life at Salt and Light Television, our small, cramped studio in Toronto, the hard work, dedication and efforts of so many young people (and some young for a long time now) who had journeyed with us over the past decade, and the generosity of tens of thousands of people who have believed in our media ministry from the very early moments in late 2002 and early 2003. I could feel the pride of the elderly Gaetano Gagliano whose dream was being realized.

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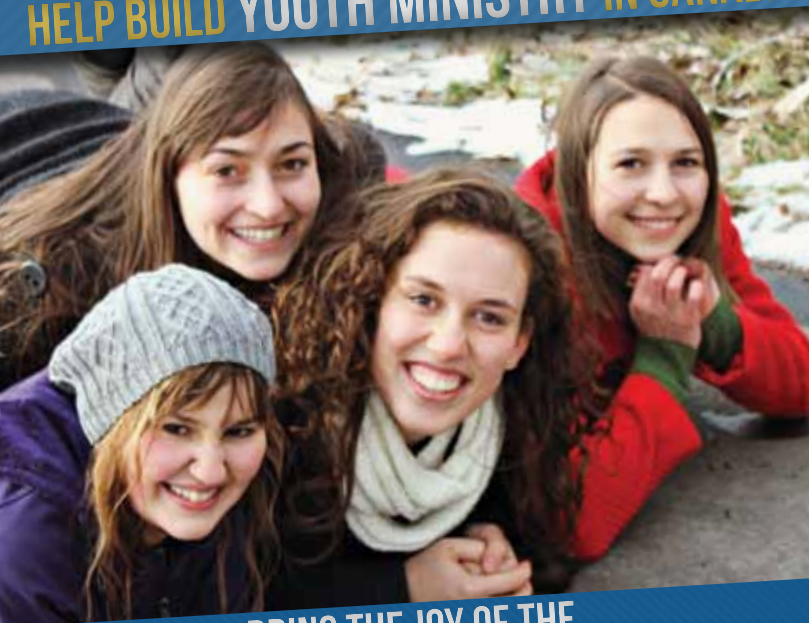
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“Habemus
Papam:
Franciscus!”



I shall never forget the night of March 13, 2013, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. After the white smoke and that prolonged period of waiting, we heard the words spoken by Cardinal Jean Louis Tauran thunder across St. Peter's Square and across the face of the earth:

Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum:

Habemus Papam!

Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum, Dominum Georgium Marium Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Bergoglio, qui sibi nomen imposuit Franciscum.

Who is this man, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, this first Pope of the Americas, called from the "ends of the earth" in Argentina, to the See of Peter? The 76-year-old Jesuit Archbishop of Buenos Aires is a very prominent figure throughout the South American continent, yet remained a simple pastor, deeply loved by his diocese of Buenos Aires, throughout which he travelled extensively by subway and bus during the 15 years of his episcopal ministry.

Born in Buenos Aires on December 17, 1936, the son of Italian immigrants, his father, Mario, was an accountant employed by the railways and his mother, Regina Sivori, was a housewife dedicated to raising their five children. He graduated as a chemical technician and then chose the path of the priesthood, entering the Diocesan Seminary of Villa Devoto. On March 11, 1958 he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus.

He completed his studies in the humanities in Chile and returned to Argentina in 1963 to graduate with a degree in philosophy from the Colegio de San José in San Miguel. From 1964-1965, he taught literature and psychology at Immaculate Conception College in Santa Fé and in 1966, he taught the same subject at the Colegio del Salvatore in Buenos Aires. From 1967-1970, he studied theology and obtained a degree from the Colegio de San José.

■ Pope Francis waves to the crowds at the end of his first canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square.



On December 13, 1969, he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Ramón José Castellano, thus making him the first pontiff ordained to the priesthood after the Second Vatican Council. Padre Jorge continued his Jesuit training between 1970-1971 at the University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain, and on April 22, 1973 made his final profession with the Jesuits. Back in Argentina, he was novice master at Villa Barilari, San Miguel; professor at the Faculty of Theology of San Miguel, consultor to the Province of the Society of Jesus and also Rector of the Colegio Máximo of the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology.

On July 31, 1973, he was named Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina, an office he held for six years. He was a very young provincial superior at a most difficult time in the history of Argentina. He then resumed his work in the university sector and from 1980-1986 served once again as Rector of the Colegio de San José, as well as parish priest, again in San Miguel.

In March, 1986, he went to Germany to finish his doctoral thesis. His superiors then sent him to the Colegio del Salvador in Buenos Aires and next to the Jesuit Church in the city of Córdoba as spiritual director and confessor.

Cardinal Antonio Quarracino, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, wanted Padre Jorge as a close collaborator. On May 20,

1992, Pope John Paul II appointed Jorge titular Bishop of Auca and Auxiliary of Buenos Aires. On May 27 of that year, he received episcopal ordination from the Cardinal in the cathedral. He chose as his episcopal and now papal motto, "*Miserando atque eligendo*", The motto is taken from a passage from the Venerable Bede, Homily 22, on the Feast of Matthew, which reads: *Vidit ergo Jesus publicanum, et quia miserando atque eligendo vidit, ait illi, 'Sequere me'.* "[Jesus therefore sees the tax collector, and since he sees by having mercy and by choosing, he says to him, 'follow me'." On the Feast of St Matthew in 1953, the young Jorge Bergoglio experienced, at the age of 17, in a very special way, the loving presence of God in his life. Following confession, he felt his heart touched and he sensed the descent of the mercy of God, who, with a gaze of tender love, called him to religious life, following the example of St Ignatius of Loyola. (Pope Francis has also inserted "IHS", the symbol of the Society of Jesus, into his coat of arms [see page 8].)

It came as no surprise on June 3, 1997, when Bishop Bergoglio was raised to the dignity of Coadjutor Archbishop of Buenos Aires. Nine months later, on February 28, 1998, Bergoglio became Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Primate of Argentina and Ordinary for Eastern-rite faithful in Argentina. Three years later

at the Consistory of February 21, 2001, John Paul II created him Cardinal, assigning him the title of San Roberto Bellarmino. He asked the faithful not to come to Rome to celebrate his creation as Cardinal but rather to donate to the poor what they would have spent on the journey. (He would do the same thing in March, 2013, upon his election as Pope and installation as Bishop of Rome.)

In October, 2001, Cardinal Bergoglio was appointed General Relator to the 10th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Episcopal Ministry. This task was entrusted to him at the last minute to replace Cardinal Edward Egan, Archbishop of New York, who was obliged to stay in his homeland because of the terrorist attacks on September 11. At the Synod, Cardinal Bergoglio placed particular emphasis on “the prophetic mission of the bishop”, his being a “prophet of justice”, his duty to “preach ceaselessly” the social doctrine of the Church and also “to express an authentic judgment in matters of faith and morals”.

All the while, Cardinal Bergoglio was becoming ever more popular in Latin America. Despite this, he never relaxed his sober approach or his strict lifestyle, which some have defined as almost “ascetic”. In this spirit of poverty, he declined to be appointed as President of the Argentine Bishops’ Conference in 2002, but three years later he was elected and then, in 2008, reconfirmed for a second three-year mandate. Meanwhile, in April,

2005, he took part in the Conclave in which Pope Benedict XVI was elected.

As Archbishop of Buenos Aires—a diocese with more than three million inhabitants—he developed a missionary project based on communion and evangelization. He had four main goals: open and brotherly communities, an informed laity playing a lead role, evangelization efforts addressed to every inhabitant of the city, and assistance to the poor and the sick. He asked priests and lay people to work together. During years of fruitful pastoral ministry, Cardinal Bergoglio insisted that “Teachers of the faith need to get out of their cave,” and the clergy “out of the sacristy.” He required parish priests to live with their people, and in the same conditions as their people, even in radical simplicity and poverty. Authentic pastors should have the “odor of the sheep” if they are to be effective and credible.

In September 2009, Bergoglio launched the solidarity campaign for the bicentenary of the Independence of the Argentine nation. On a continental scale, he expected much from the impact of the message of the Aparecida Conference in 2007, to the point of describing it as the “*Evangelii Nuntiandi* of Latin America.”

“My people are poor and I am one of them,” he said so often, explaining his decision to live in an apartment above a school and cook his own supper. He advised his priests to show mercy and apostolic courage and to keep their doors open to everyone. One year before his

election, the Cardinal wrote a pastoral letter in which he reprimanded his own priests for refusing the Sacrament of Baptism to the children of single mothers.

When Cardinal Bergoglio spoke of social justice, he called people first of all to pick up the *Catechism*, to rediscover the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. His project was and remains very simple: if you follow Christ, you understand that “trampling upon a person’s dignity is a serious sin”.

Until the beginning of the recent *Sede Vacante*, Bergoglio was a member of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the

■ Cardinal Bergoglio washes the feet of shelter residents during mass in Buenos Aires, 2008.



Popular #Conclave Tweets



James Martin, SJ @JamesMartinSJ
13 Mar

That seagull on the Sistine Chapel roof by the conclave is great product placement for the Holy Spirit.



Hilary Barry @Hilary_Barry
13 Mar

Kiwi priest in Rome says he hasn't been this excited since NZ won the Rugby World Cup.
#newpope #conclave



Neil MacCarthy @neilmaccarthy
13 Mar

Love the fact in such a crazy fast paced society, world is waiting for smoke and bells. Lesson: slowdown.
#holysmoke #conclave

Congregation for the Clergy, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

During the General Congregation meetings of the Cardinals that took place preceding the recent Conclave, Cardinal Bergoglio offered these stirring words to his brother Cardinals. In retrospection, we can now see how the designs of Providence were at work in preparing the Church and the world for the surprise on the evening of March 13, 2013. Listen to Bergoglio's stirring words about the duty to evangelize:

"To evangelize implies apostolic zeal. To evangelize implies a desire in the Church to come out of herself. The Church is called to come out of herself and to go to the peripheries not only in the geographic sense but also the existential peripheries: those of the mystery of sin, of pain, of injustice, of ignorance, of doing without religion, of thought and of all misery.

"When the Church does not come out of herself to evangelize, she becomes self-referent and then she gets sick. The evils that over the course of time happen in ecclesial institutions have their root in a self-reference and a sort of theological narcissism. In Revelation, Jesus says that he is at the door and knocks. Evidently the text refers to his knocking from outside in order to enter but I think of the times in which Jesus knocks from within so that we will let him come out. The self-referent Church keeps Jesus Christ within herself and does not let him come out...

"Thinking of the next Pope, he must be a man that from the contemplation and adoration of Jesus Christ, helps the Church to come out to the existential peripheries, that helps her to be the fruitful mother who lives from the sweet and comforting joy of evangelizing."

THE BISHOP OF ROME

Pope Benedict's decision to resign has contributed greatly to bringing the role of the Bishop of Rome back to its origins and its real nature: the Pope is Peter's successor, the Church's shepherd and a living example of charity, the guardian of a treasure that does not belong to him: the *depositum fidei* which it is his responsibility to pass on to others. Benedict chose to retire, just as other bishops do in dioceses across the world when they reach a certain age. By stepping down as Pope and Bishop of Rome, Benedict has done nothing to undermine the importance of the Petrine ministry; he has enhanced it. The Pope is not an emperor for life, nor is he a super-governor of Churches.

Pope Francis's decisions and gestures to bring the papal figure closer to its origins have also given a very important message to the Church and the world. There is clearly a continuity between Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome. This is manifested in their outlook on faith and their awareness that it is the Lord who leads the Church, not the Pope. The Pope, as Bishop of Rome, is the humble servant and good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep and teaches us what it means to love and follow the Master's voice.

by Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.



POPE FRANCIS

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Birthday: December, 17 1937
Nationality: Argentine
Order: Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

Previous Positions:

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 Rector, San Jose College..... 1980
 Auxiliary Bishop, Buenos Aires..... 1992
 Vicar General, Buenos Aires..... 1993
 Coadjutor Archbishop, Buenos Aires..... 1997
 Archbishop, Buenos Aires..... 1998
 Cardinal, Buenos Aires..... 2001
 President, Argentine Bishops Conference..... 2005

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(Luke, chapter 9 and 10)

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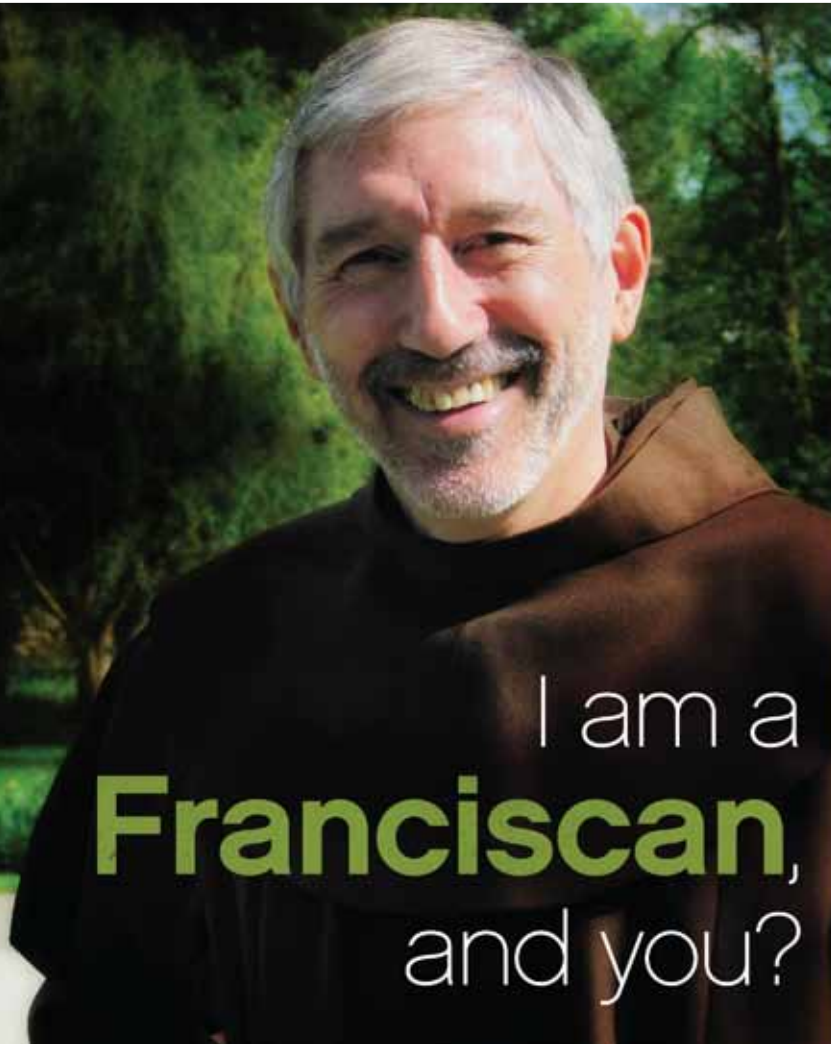
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The NEW Face of the NEW Evangelization

When Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation on February 11, 2013, a mad rush began among Catholics and journalists to probe his pontificate looking for any signs that this historic decision was coming. All of his words and gestures were dissected in an attempt to make sense of the unimaginable: a presumed “conservative” pope breaking with 700 years of tradition. A few answers surfaced.

While it is fascinating to study those answers, let us consider the question in another way. If we can look for signs of a papal resignation, can we also look for signs of a papal election? And in the young pontificate of Pope Francis, which has caught the eyes and turned the heads of so many non-Catholics, we see that the question is not only a church question but a world question, and therefore a catholic question.

Could we have seen a Pope Francis walking toward us on the horizon? Did we read the signs of the times? Perhaps it's not surprising that our first clue comes from his predecessor, Pope Benedict. Announcing his resignation to a group of Cardinals on February 11th he said, “In order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary.” Governance and evangelization, mind and body: the critical issues and the necessary qualities for the future Bishop of Rome. The signs of the times.

As the Sede Vacante progressed, we discovered that these were precisely the topics of conversation and debate among the Cardinals. But this historic pre-conclave period, which for the first time

in hundreds of years was not eclipsed by the usual funeral proceedings, was only the crest of a surging wave that had been gathering momentum over the past year. There was the Vatileaks scandal and the trial of Pope Benedict's personal butler, which apart from being a PR nightmare, exposed internal administrative discord. Many Cardinals—especially those who do not work in the Vatican—publicly voiced their frustration and called for reform.

At the same time Church history was challenging us with questions of identity and progress in the form of an anniversary: the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, which is inarguably the most comprehensive and authoritative magisterial blueprint for the Catholic Church today.

And these questions were given precedence by Pope Benedict in the form of a collegial assembly known as a Synod of Bishops. In October 2012, 262 Bishops from around the world met in Rome to discuss “The New Evangelization,” that is, how we evangelize effectively in a pluralistic and often indifferent world, particularly in the Western societies.

This Synod, at which I was an observer, is the key to understanding the election of Pope Francis. Imagine if the Synod had not happened; the Cardinals might have elected a younger pope, or a curial administrator, or a theologian, or any number of things that any Catholic thinks is necessary. But these are only singular qualities, and by themselves cannot be definitive of the modern papacy, as Pope Benedict taught us.

What happened at the Synod? Anyone who has participated in a Synod will tell you that it's more about the experience

than the results. This may sound like a political maneuver to those who followed this particularly timely Synod with expectations of something new, i.e. grand reforms and immediate implementation. But it's not. Those who participated in this Synod experienced a seemingly minuscule but extraordinarily prophetic shift in tone.

What happened, I think, was that the Bishops began to reflect on their own words and actions, and to ask how they—the hierarchy of the Church—have contributed to the crisis of faith in the West. They began to speak about humility. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila in the Philippines summarized the Synod quite pointedly in his intervention saying, “The world takes delight in a simple witness to Jesus—meek and humble of heart.”

This, as I said, is the key to understanding the election of Pope Francis. And for those who would say that a Synod is incapable of affecting change or producing something concrete, we can only point to the chair of St. Peter. Pope Francis, the simple witness to Jesus, is not only the personification of this synodal experience, but of the New Evangelization as well. Look at what he is doing. Listen to what he is saying. Look around the world and see believers and non-believers alike, politicians, religious leaders and media personalities gripped by the bare Gospel testimony staring them in the face. No one is unaffected by that.

On the night of Pope Francis' election, I met a young, Argentinian Jesuit at the Society of Jesus' Headquarters in Rome who had Cardinal Bergoglio as his formation director not too long ago. The world was already shocked by the new Pope's simplicity of dress, his deviation from the prescribed Latin text, and his humility in asking the faithful to pray over him. I asked Fr. Guillermo Ortiz from Vatican Radio if these gestures were characteristic of Bergoglio. He smiled and said, “You haven't seen anything yet.”

by Sebastian Gomes



Why St. Francis

It's no surprise that Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio's election to the papacy has stirred up a renewed interest in the Catholic Church. The entire world had their eyes fixed on the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica on March 13 when white smoke billowed from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. It was right then and there that the world was stunned to hear that the new Holy Father would call himself Francis.

Bergoglio's election to the papacy was and continues to be historic. Not only is Francis the first Pope from the Americas, but he is also the first Pope to take the name of Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi.

To understand just who Pope Francis is and what his papacy will represent in the months and years to come, we must first look at the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis of Assisi was an Italian friar and preacher. In his time, he founded the men's Order of Friars Minor in 1209, the women's Order of St. Clare and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women who were unable to live the lives of itinerant preachers led by the early members of the Order of Friars Minor or the monastic lives of the Poor Clares. Though he was never ordained to the priesthood, Francis is one of the most venerated men in the Catholic Church and religious world. He was also a man of true humility, service and peace.

For one to truly understand St. Francis' ministry on earth, one needs to know the words from his prayer that unites men and women of all faiths.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon."

When we look at his story, St. Francis is believed to have been called by God to repair the Church, which was in a state of ruin. Many people see the link between St. Francis of Assisi

and Pope Francis as a sign that the new Holy Father is here to guide the Church on a new trajectory. That path includes a Catholic Church that "needs to revive its loving and tender side, which gets lost when the Church becomes too serious", as Pope Francis so eloquently stated in one of his daily homilies.

For Francis to choose the name of Italy's patron saint, St. Francis, ties him to Italy, where Vatican City is situated. For the past several centuries, Italy has been the native land of the popes up until 1978, when Karol Wojtyla of Poland was elected.

When we look at Francis of Assisi's life, he was known for renouncing wealth and living very simply. Interestingly, poverty and simplicity were central parts of Bergoglio's pastoral ministry—especially during his time in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It's been widely reported that Bergoglio relinquished the Archbishop's residence in favour of a simpler and humbler apartment outside of the city. He was known to take public transportation and cook his own meals. On the day following his election, he stopped by to pay his own hotel bill. He was seen riding a bus with brother Cardinals instead of using the traditional papal car. And in fine Pope Francis style, he walked home, through the Vatican gardens, from a meeting with fellow bishops and Cardinals.

In just a few months, Pope Francis has shaken the Church to its core. We know that Francis of Assisi made it his life's work and mission to do that by serving the marginalized and poor.

After knowing what St. Francis stood for and knowing what Pope Francis has already done for the Church, one can only be excited and strengthened by the thought of what this papacy has to offer the Church and the world.

by Andrew Santos

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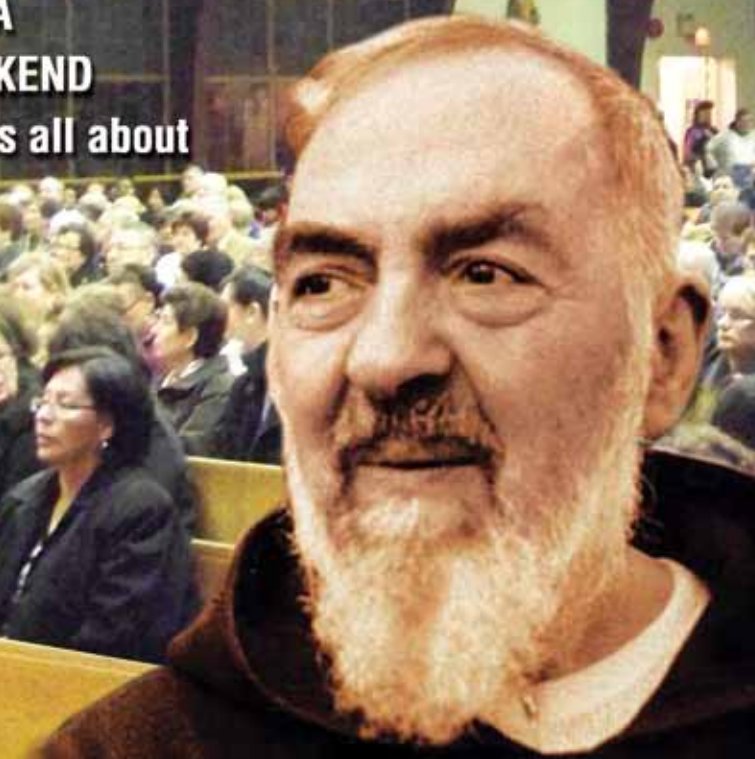
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POPE FRANCIS:

NEW DIRECTIONS AND CHALLENGES

In his first few weeks in office, Pope Francis has outlined in broad strokes the directions he wants to take the Catholic Church: toward a stronger witness of poverty, evangelical simplicity and mercy.

And in ways big and small, he has already taken steps that indicate he will be leading by example when it comes to reforming church governance and transforming the modern style of evangelization.

Pope Francis' words have impressed Catholics and non-Catholics. He has called for the church to be less "self-referencing"—that is, less focused on its own organizational and theological problems and more involved in what he calls the "outskirts" of humanity and the daily reality of billions of people.

To have an impact in today's world, the pope has argued, both priests and lay Catholics need to go beyond the church's normal boundaries. Addressing clergy, he told them, essentially, that they should get out of the sacristy and "make it real, as shepherds among your flock."

On the other hand, his words on the responsibility of baptism represent a challenge to all Catholics. He has declared that lay Catholics must courageously live and proclaim their faith in their day-to-day lives, and suggested that relying on priests to evangelize is a reverse form of clericalism.

The new pope told journalists that his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, would inspire his directions as pope.

"For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation; these days we do not have a very good relationship with creation, do we? He is the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man ... How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor!"

Every pope has a honeymoon period, and it's often easier to outline a vision of

the church in words than to put it into action. Yet Pope Francis has shown he is serious about launching major changes in the way a pope carries out his ministry and the way the Vatican does business.

FIRST, he chose to celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday at a Rome prison for minors, washing the feet of 12 young inmates (including two girls, one of whom was Muslim.) Previous popes had washed the feet of 12 priests, and in breaking with this tradition Pope Francis was saying, in effect, that the church's message of service to all was more important than liturgical custom.

SECOND, the pope has chosen to live in the Vatican's guesthouse instead of the 10-room papal apartments in the Apostolic Palace. In geographical terms, that means he is no longer surrounded by a buffer zone of Roman Curia offices and is freer to meet a diverse group of people—at his morning Masses in the guesthouse chapel, at meals in the guesthouse dining room or simply strolling around this less "official" corner of Vatican City.

THIRD, to assist him on issues of governance and Roman Curia reform, Pope Francis named a group of eight cardinals—seven of them resident archbishops from around the world, and only one a Vatican official. That signaled plans for deep changes in the Vatican bureaucracy, including the Vatican bank, and also demonstrated a more collegial way of carrying out the papal ministry.

In many smaller ways, too, the pope has shown a less formal and less authoritarian style. For example, when he "ordered" a Swiss Guard to sit down in a chair instead of standing outside his room all night—and then brought him a sandwich—it made the papacy more down to earth in the minds of many people.

Those kinds of acts have already won Pope Francis applause. The hope is that they will open people's minds and hearts to the pope's deeper message: that Jesus



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Christ is the way to salvation, and that the truth and beauty of the faith offer more meaning than a culture dominated by production and consumption.

In short, Pope Francis wants to build up the church's credibility, so that it can more effectively preach the Gospel message—a message that continues to challenge many of the assumptions of the modern mindset.

That task relies on news media, as well. Salt + Light TV, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, has become a crucial part of this communications effort, as it helps tell the world the story of Francis and the church.

by John Thavis (Vaticanista, Author)

MOMENTOUS TRANSITIONS AWESOME JOY

FEBRUARY 11, 2013 did not only shift the plates of the earth for the Church, but marked a seismic shift in my life. Early that morning in Rome, the pope resigned and caught the world and the Church off guard. When my colleague and friend, Jesuit Fr. Federico Lombardi, director of the Holy See Press Office, phoned and asked me to come quickly to Rome to assist him, I understood that help was needed in dealing with a deluge of media requests in the aftermath of the pope's surprise resignation. Having run a World Youth Day in Canada in 2002, founded and led Salt + Light Catholic Television Network in Canada since 2003, and served as the Vatican-appointed media attaché at two world Synods of Bishops in 2008 and 2012, I had some idea of media work for the Church. But nothing came close to the daunting experience of serving as a Vatican spokesperson during Lent 2013—an adventure that included a Papal Resignation, the Sede Vacante or Interregnum, a conclave taking place without the atmosphere of a papal funeral, and the surprise election of the first pope from the Americas, not just any pope, but a Jesuit pope; the first modern pope to have been ordained to the priesthood after the Second Vatican Council.

Over the next month, it was not a deluge but a tsunami of images, stories, encounters, people and opportunities that would change the life and direction of the Church! Thank God I was accompanied by one of the young producers from Salt + Light Television in Canada, Sebastian Gomes. Together we worked day and night, and Sebastian kept me steady through the experience.

THE RESIGNATION

Pope Benedict's resignation may have shocked many in the Church and in the world. Personally, I was not surprised. The Pope had been alluding to a possible resignation for the past few years. With the announcement of his resignation, a brilliant theologian and teacher who had been the champion of tradition left us with one of the most progressive gestures made by any pope. Acknowledging what he called his "incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me," this eminently shy man known for exquisite kindness, charity, gentleness and humility, offered a final, provocative teaching moment that shook the world. We had no playbook, script or notes left behind by Pope Celestine V, (Pietro del Morrone, a Benedictine monk) who, overwhelmed by the demands of the office, stepped down after five months as pope in 1294.

If Blessed John Paul II taught us the

important lesson of suffering and death with dignity, Joseph Ratzinger taught us the meaning of sweet surrender—of not clinging to power and the throne, of prestige, tradition and privilege for their own sakes. He truly was for us, Joseph, our brother—the one that many refused to accept in the beginning, but in the end, recognized and embraced as a beloved brother.

One of the most poignant moments of my Roman sojourn took place on February 28, the last day of Benedict's pontificate. His departure from the Apostolic Palace and the Vatican captured the heart and mind of the world. The touching farewell from his co-workers on that crisp, Italian afternoon, the brief helicopter flight to Castel Gandolfo, his final words as Pope, reminding us that he would become "a pilgrim" in this final stage of his life, touched us deeply. There were no dry eyes in Rome that night. The whole departure reminded me of that emotional moment in the Acts of the Apostles (chapter 20) when Paul took leave of the elders at Ephesus.

Pope Benedict XVI announces his resignation at a meeting with Cardinals on February 11.



Following Page: (top) Msgr. José María Gil Tamayo, Fr. Federico Lombardi, and Fr. Thomas Rosica briefing journalists at the Holy See Press Office.

(bottom) Fr. Rosica leaving the Sistine Chapel before the Cardinals vote.



THE SEDE VACANTE

Once the pontificate ended, our work multiplied in spades! Together with Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ, and Msgr. Gil Tamayo from Spain, we led the daily press briefings for hundreds of accredited journalists from every corner of the globe. Our colleagues nicknamed us: “the Trinity!” Over 6000 journalists descended upon Rome and they were hungry for information. We had to make choices: either contribute to a media vacuum that would soon be filled with all the wrong elements, or provide a media buffet of details and information that would assist our colleagues in telling the world a great story unfolding before our eyes.

The Vatican strategy of spreading the table began to bear fruit. As Cardinals gathered in Rome and met in secret sessions to assess the state of the Church and come up with a profile for the next pope, we answered countless hundreds of questions on a daily basis from the media around the world. I was asked to handle requests in English and thus worked 18-hour days with television, print and radio media from every corner of the globe. I lost count after doing 165 television and radio interviews with every possible network you can imagine... first in English, then French, Spanish, Italian, and German.

Questions coming to us at press conferences and briefings revealed an immense interest in things Church! From the color of the retired pontiff’s shoes, to the papal seals that would be put on the papal apartments, to the destruction of the ring of the fisherman and papal seals, to modified, detailed rules and regulations for conclave behavior, to the chemical products that would be used to produce the smoke... the world was watching and listening. I chuckled several times thinking that the Church had made such great strides these past years in the area of social communications. But for such a major event and happening as a conclave, we still relied on smoke signals.

The issues addressed by the Cardinals during their intense pre-conclave meetings were wide ranging: from the state of affairs of the Church, to major challenges

of evangelization; the relationship of the Roman Curia to the local Churches; “Vatileaks” that had plagued Pope Benedict’s pontificate, to the fallout from the sex abuse scandals throughout the world, to administrative and communication challenges occurring at the top level of the Church... all of these were the topics of discussion during the interregnum. Through all of this, the question intensified each day: “who is the man that can handle this?”

I realized that this was not a movie or a political election campaign, but a deeply moving, spiritual experience. I had chills going up my spine as I heard the Sistine Choir chanting the Litany of the Saints and the “Veni Creator.” I looked at the solemn faces of those Cardinals, many of whom I knew, and saw, not just men in scarlet robes, but their countries—and I imagined their people back home praying for them. I heard their voices resound in the chapel as each Cardinal placed



THE CONCLAVE

When the College of Cardinals finally entered into the conclave on Tuesday, March 12, the excitement and expectation was palpable. For the opening rites of the papal conclave, I was invited to be inside the Sistine chapel for the majestic procession, solemn ritual, prayer and oath taking of the cardinals. When we entered, several things struck me in that hallowed space. When I was a boy, I used to watch movies on TV about everything that happened here. Yet on that day, watching Cardinals processing slowly up the specially constructed ramp,



his hand on the book of the Gospel and pronounced the oath in accented Latin, standing before Michelangelo's stunning wall of redemption and under the story of creation on the Sistine ceiling. One of their lives would be radically changed in that room. The words "Extra omnes" had a direct impact on me, since I was one of the last people to be ushered out of the Sistine Chapel before the voting began.

AN EARLY EASTER

If one relied only on the Italian media reports during those days, one would think we were at the horse races! As much as Italy tried to dominate the whole process, and delight in the so-called Vatileaks that continued to flow during the pre-conclave meetings, they got it all wrong... as did many others throughout the world who stared in utter amazement when the white smoke finally billowed out of that infamous chimney.

I will never forget the experience of that Wednesday evening when the white smoke appeared. It was a cold, rainy evening and thousands of people ran to St. Peter's Square. Though deep into Lent, it was like Holy Saturday night... awaiting something unexpected and new. With the "Habemus Papam" came the name of a stranger, and outsider, who instantly won over the crowd in the Piazza and the entire world with the words, "Fratelli e Sorelle, buona sera!" (Brothers and sisters, good evening!) Who would believe a pontificate beginning with those simple, common words? Never in my wild imaginings did I expect a Pope to be called Francis! Nor could I comprehend the scene of several hundred thousand cheering people suddenly become still and silent as Papa Francesco bowed and asked them to pray for him and pray over him. It was the most moving moment I have ever experienced at a Vatican celebration. His words "Pray for me..." still resound in my ears... words that Cardinal Bergoglio had spoken to me twice during the week before the conclave as we met on the streets of Rome together!

From the very first moments, Francis stressed his role with the ancient title of "Bishop of Rome" who presides in charity, echoing the famous statement of Ignatius

of Antioch. We cannot underestimate his repeated use of this term, which is of great significance not only for the continuation of ecumenical dialogue, above all with Orthodox churches, but also for the Catholic Church itself.

If Blessed John Paul II was the pilgrim pope and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI the great, intellectual pope, Pope Francis

and back-room skullduggery going on inside the Vatican?" I smiled, because I experienced none of these things. Rather, I encountered a warm welcome from the Roman Curia, an incredible interest in things church from many of the 6,000-plus journalists accredited to those momentous events. I celebrated Mass early each morning with my colleague

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is the pastoral pope, a pastor who is very close to the people, and a shepherd who does not exclude anyone, but who emphasizes and loves what Christ emphasized and loved—the poor, the sick, the marginal. Pope Francis, in continuity with his predecessors and with simple gestures and words, has shown us how to express and communicate the joy of being human. He has called on priests to bring the healing power of God's grace to everyone in need, to stay close to the marginalized and to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep." His gestures and simple words flow from his episcopal and now papal motto: "miserando et eligendo." Jesus' gaze of merciful tenderness (miserando), shows this patience of God which, according to an ancient insight expressed in our day, is his response to human weakness. Taken from St. Bede's commentary on the call of Matthew, these words express Jesus' whole approach to people, having mercy on others and inviting them (eligendo) to follow him. These are the bare essentials of the Christian faith.

REMEMBERING LENT 2013

Many close friends, colleagues and confreres asked me during my Roman Lenten journey: "How did you survive in the midst of chaos at the Vatican, a resigned pope, intrigue among cardinals, scandals

Sebastian Gomes, either in the Jesuit Generalate on Borgo Santo Spirito, or at a side altar in St. Peter's Basilica or in the Vatican crypt. Then we went to work...

For four solid weeks this past Lent, we had a golden opportunity to teach, catechize and evangelize the nations and put the Synod on the New Evangelization into practice. I came away from the whole experience with a renewed sense of wonder and awe, profound gratitude and rekindled joy. This reality we call Catholicism has weathered many storms, and withstood the fury of the gates of hell. It is a story about real people, real things and seismic changes that happened to them. People who staked their lives, and continue to do so, not on fables and fantasies, but on what they came to understand as the truth, the bedrock for shepherds named Angelo Roncalli, Giovanni Battista Montini, Albino Luciani, Karol Wojtyla, Joseph Ratzinger and Jorge Mario Bergoglio—the popes of my lifetime. It is that same truth that we tried to serve those unforgettable Lenten days, as we told the world an ancient, at times incredible, story that continues to excite, entice and fascinate the whole world.

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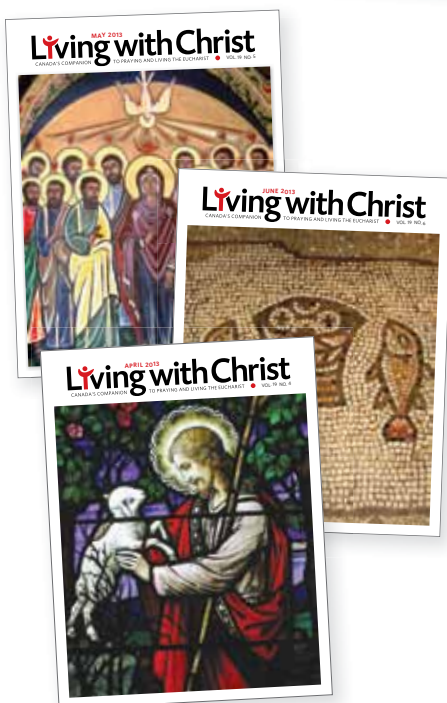
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POPE BENEDICT XVI was born “Joseph Ratzinger” in Marktl am Inn, (Bavaria) on April 16, 1927. His father, a policeman, came from a long line of farmers and his mother worked as a cook in local hotels before marrying. His faith formation began in Traunstein, a small village near the Austrian border, just 30 kilometers from Salzburg. It was the faith education he received at home that prepared him to deal with the harsh reality of Nazi hostility toward the Catholic Church.

He followed his older brother Georg into the seminary and began his formation for the priesthood in 1939, only to have it interrupted by World War II. The Ratzinger brothers were able to return to the major seminary in Freising in 1946 to continue their priestly formation and both were ordained to the priesthood in 1951 in Freising, celebrating their first masses in Traunstein on the same day. Newly ordained Fr. Joseph Ratzinger was assigned to a parish in Munich where he would serve as assistant. After only a year, he was called to the seminary in Freising to serve as instructor and confessor. It would be the beginning of his academic career. The future pope studied at the University of Munich where he received a licentiate and doctorate in theology. He went on to teach dogmatic and fundamental theology at the University of Freising, and lectured at Universities of Bonn, Muenster, and Tubingen. In 1969 he held the Chair of Dogmatics and History of Dogma and served as vice-president of the University of Regensburg.

The young professor, Fr. Ratzinger taught at the Universities of Bonn, Muenster, Tubingen, Regensburg and Munich before attending the Second Vatican Council as a young priest and theological “expert” to Cardinal Joseph Frings, Archbishop of Cologne. He played a key role in discussions among German-speaking participants, and gained a reputation as a progressive theologian. The experience also led to him to important roles with the German Bishops’ Conference and the International Theological Commission. In 1972, along with the Swiss Fr. Hans Urs von Balthasar and Jesuit Fr. Henri de Lubac, he started the theological journal “Communio”.

Appointed Bishop of Munich and Freising in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, Fr. Ratzinger was the first diocesan priest in 80 years to be appointed head of that very important German diocese. He chose the phrase “cooperators of truth” as his Episcopal motto. That same year he was elevated to the College of Cardinals. In 1981 Pope John Paul II appointed him Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He also served as president of the preparatory commission for the Catechism of the Catholic Church and in 1992 presented the finished work to the Holy Father.

In 1997, while still head of the congregation for the Doctrine of the faith, Cardinal Ratzinger asked Pope John Paul II to appoint him Cardinal Librarian of the Vatican Library, but his request was denied. He continued on as head of the Vatican’s doctrinal congregation and served as a consultor to various other Vatican councils and congregations, including the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, for Bishops, for the Evangelization of Peoples, for the Causes of Saints, and Pontifical Councils for Promoting Christian Unity, for Culture, and the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, as well as the Commissions for the correct interpretation of the Code of Canon Law, and “Ecclesia Dei.”

Cardinal Ratzinger was appointed Vice-Dean of the College of Cardinals in 1998 and in 2002 became Dean, which allowed him to play a very important role

in the funeral of Pope John Paul II and the subsequent Sede Vacante and Conclave that would result in Ratzinger’s election to succeed John Paul II. He was elected pope at the age of 78, having served as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for 25 years. He carried his role as defender of the faith into his papacy, and will be remembered for establishing clear norms related to priests who sexually abuse minors, for appointing apostolic visitators to communities with irregularities, and trying to bring schismatic groups back into communion with the church and all her teachings.

The first years of his papacy were not without controversy, but again, he built bridges in unexpected places. In a 2006 address at the University of Regensburg, he quoted a Byzantine scholar who linked Islam with violence. The ensuing controversy led to the establishment of the International Catholic Muslim forum in 2008.

He dealt courageously with the aftermath of the clerical sex abuse scandal in the U.S. and the revelation of a widespread cover up of abuse cases in Ireland and parts of Europe. While critics claimed Vatican reaction was slow and lenient, it was under Pope Benedict’s watch that Marcial Maciel, founder of the Legionaries of Christ, was investigated and sentenced to the life of prayer and penitence. (Maciel has since died.)

Benedict surprised people with his moves to uphold the unity of the church. In 2009 he overturned the excommunication

► Pope Benedict waves to pilgrims on the Rhine River during World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, 2005.



of four bishops from the Society of Pius X in order to begin the process of bringing the association into communion with Rome. Talks with the traditionalist group continued to 2013, but have moved very slowly.

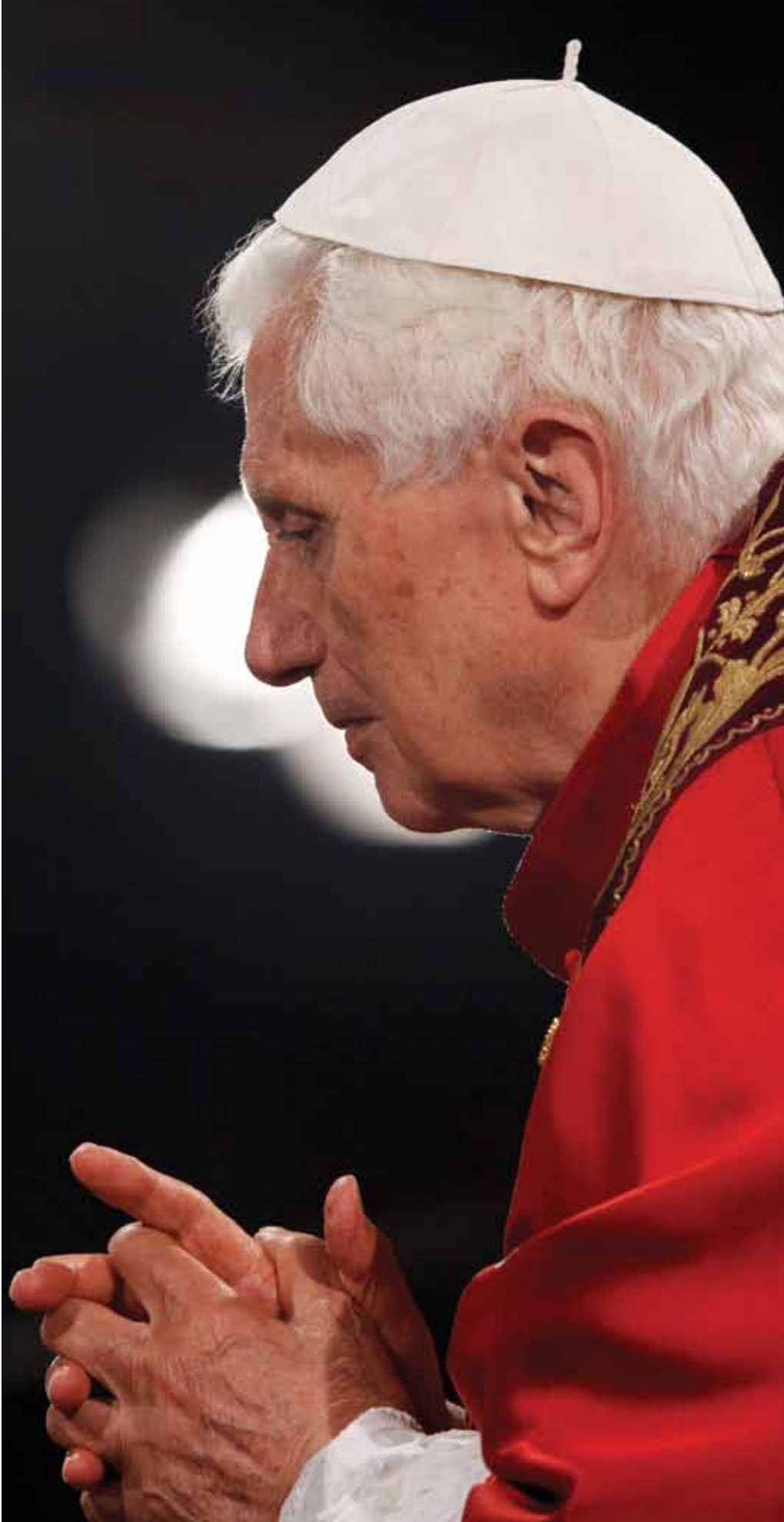
Pope Benedict reached out to the worldwide Jewish community making visits to the Synagogue of Cologne, Germany in 2006, Park Lane Synagogue in New York in 2008, the Rome Synagogue in 2010. During his 2009 pilgrimage to the Holy Land he went to the Western Wall to pray at one of Judaism's holiness sites.

Known for his hard line on doctrinal matters, he also gained a reputation as a "green" pope, drawing attention to environmental issues and calling for greater stewardship of the Earth. In 2007, Vatican City went green, installing solar panels on the Paul VI audience hall, allowing it to generate its own electricity.

His tenure as pope includes the economic crisis that began in 2007, one of the worst economic crises in modern times. Pope Benedict repeatedly called for a paradigm shift in the world's economic system, focusing on the real needs of youth and families instead of just profits. His 2009 encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* called for a development that takes into consideration the whole person.

With the announcement of his resignation on February 11, 2013, a man who has been the champion of tradition and was labeled "conservative" left us with one of the most progressive gestures made by any pope. Acknowledging what he called his "incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me," he told us that we must be painfully honest with the human condition, that we cannot be enchained by history and tradition when it no longer makes sense nor frees people. For a man known for masterful writing, exquisite kindness, charity, gentleness, humility and clarity of teaching, Pope Benedict's resignation offers us the epitome of a courageous and humble decision that will forever mark the papacy and the life of the Church.

by Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.
and Alicia Ambrosio



1 January 1972

Founding of Communio

Along with his friends Hans Urs von Balthasar and Henri de Lubac, Fr. Joseph Ratzinger founded the theological journal Communio. Today the journal is available in 14 different language editions.

27 June 1977

Elevation to the College of Cardinals

A mere month after being ordained the archbishop of Munich-Freising, Joseph Ratzinger was elevated to Cardinal Priest by Pope Paul VI, his titular church in Rome being St. Mary of Consolation (in Tiburtina).



1 January 1986-11 October 1992

Writing the Catechism of the Catholic Church

John Paul II entrusted Cardinal Ratzinger to be the head of a team of 12 cardinals who developed the New Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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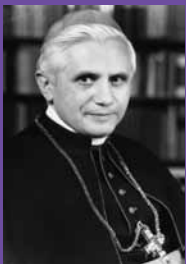
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28 May 1977

Episcopal Ordination as Archbishop of Munich

Pope Paul VI named Fr. Joseph Ratzinger Archbishop of Munich and Freising and upon his Episcopal Ordination took as his motto a phrase from 3 John 8, "Fellow Worker in the Truth."



25 November 1981

Head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Appointed by Pope John Paul II as Prefect (Head) of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: the Vatican department in charge of protecting the sacred deposit of the faith handed down from the apostles. In this position, he was Pope John Paul II's chief assistant in the formulation of the Pope's teaching and writing. As Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Ratzinger often took traditional views on topics such as birth control, homosexuality, and inter-religious dialog.



17 January 2007

Release of Jesus of Nazareth

While still Cardinal Ratzinger, he began writing a three part series on the life of Jesus. The first volume was published in January of 2007.

1 May 2011

Beatification of John Paul II

Pope Benedict beatified his predecessor John Paul II. The beatification Mass was attended by more than a million people.

12 December 2012

Twitter

For the first time in history, a Roman Pontiff joined the ranks of social media under the handle @Pontifex

19 April 2005

Election as Pope

After four rounds of voting over two days, the College of Cardinals elected the 78-year old Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as Pope. He took the name Benedict XVI.



March 2011

Guidelines on Tackling Clerical Abuse

Pope Benedict XVI and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith required each bishops' conference to submit their guidelines for handling cases of alleged clerical abuse. The CDF sent a circular letter with norms to help in the development of such guidelines. Every Catholic Bishops Conference was required to submit their policy for clerical sexual abuse cases to the CDF by May 2012.



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8 April 2005

Funeral of Blessed John Paul II

As the Dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Ratzinger presided at the funeral of Blessed John Paul II in St. Peter's Square that was attended by some four million people. It has been cited as the single largest pilgrimage in the history of Christianity.



22 December 2012

Pardon of Paolo Gabriele

Just days before Christmas, Pope Benedict visited his former butler in jail and pardoned him, leading to his immediate release. (Mr. Gabriele was arrested earlier in May after confidential documents were found in his Vatican apartment.)

11 February 2013

Resignation

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI announces his resignation as the Bishop of Rome. He is the first Pope to do so in 600 years.



7 July 2007

Motu Proprio on the Tridentine Mass

Upon "the request of the faithful" Pope Benedict permitted the celebration of the Mass according to the 1962 Missal (otherwise known as the Tridentine Mass), requiring only the permission of the parish priest.



POLAND 2006

On his trip to Poland Pope Benedict stopped to visit the Auschwitz and Dachau death camps. He walked into the camp the same way many prisoners had done years before. Praying with survivors he said "I had to come here as a duty to truth and to those that suffered."

GERMANY 2005

Pope Benedict XVI's first trip abroad was to Cologne for World Youth Day, an appointment he inherited from his predecessor.



BRAZIL 2007

His first visit to the Americas was to Brazil to take part in the Fifth General Assembly of the Latin American Episcopal Council or CELAM. This was widely viewed as recognition of the fact that 40% of the world's Catholics live in Latin America.



SYDNEY 2008

World Youth Day 2008 took place in Sydney, Australia. This voyage is widely recognized as the event that endeared him to young people, and to those Catholics who were previously comparing him to his predecessor.



USA 2008

On his second trip to the Americas, Pope Benedict visited Washington and New York. Perhaps the most memorable stop on the trip was his visit to Ground Zero where he prayed and met with families of 9/11 victims.





HOLY LAND 2009

Benedict was the third pope to visit the Holy Land. Calling it a pilgrimage, he visited holy sites in Jordan and Israel and visited the Aida refugee camp. A key focus during the trip was interreligious efforts.



BENIN 2011

A second trip to the African continent was a key moment in Pope Benedict's pontificate. There he delivered the long-awaited Post Synodal Exhortation on the Church in Africa. He also touched hearts during his meeting with the children of St. Rita's parish. Speaking in French, he talked to them in plain, accessible language about prayer and the rosary.

UNITED KINGDOM 2010

On the occasion of the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, Pope Benedict visited the United Kingdom. Media coverage was highly unfavorable, but throughout the voyage the tone slowly changed. By the end of the voyage British newspapers were proclaiming their love for the Holy Father on their front pages.



MEXICO/CUBA 2012

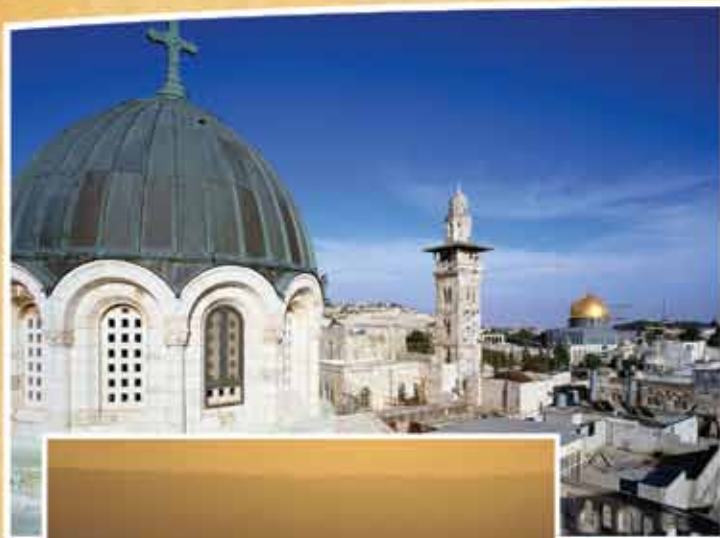
On his third trip to the Americas, Pope Benedict visited Mexico and Cuba. During his stop in Cuba he met with both Raul and Fidel Castro. Pope Benedict requested that Good Friday be made a public holiday. Three days after his visit, Good Friday was officially declared a national public holiday. The Holy Father also promised to send Fidel Castro books on different philosophical topics.



LEBANON 2012

Pope Benedict visited Lebanon despite increasing tension and violence in the region. He delivered the Post Synodal Exhortation on the Middle East, and met with youth from Lebanon. As a result of this voyage, he later asked a group of Lebanese youth, working with Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai, to write the meditations for the 2013 Way of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum. This would be his final voyage as pope.

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How do **I** pray?

MANY CATHOLICS think that they don't pray well. How do I know this? They tell me! For some reason, many Catholics think that everyone else enjoys a rich prayer life, and that all everyone else does is close their eyes, and they're instantly flooded with a sense of God's presence. Well, that is—to use a technical theological term—baloney.

Everyone struggles with prayer, including me. But that doesn't mean that prayer is beyond anybody's capacities. God desires to be in an intimate, personal relationship with each of us, and prayer is one way to nurture this relationship. With that in mind, here are three ways to pray, and to deepen your relationship with God.

THE EXAMEN

Popularized by St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit Order, this review of the day enables you to see where God has been at work. It has five steps. First, as in any prayer, ask God to be with you. Second, call to mind a few things for which you're grateful today—from something big, like a promotion to something small, like a fun phone call from

a friend. Third, review your day, from start to finish, trying to see where you felt God's presence. Fourth, since you're not perfect, ask God for an awareness of any sins, and for forgiveness. If they are grave sins you may want to think about the sacrament of reconciliation. Fifth, ask God for the grace to live a holy life the next day. In time, you'll start to see patterns of God's activity in your life, and it will be easier to see God not only in the past, but in the present.

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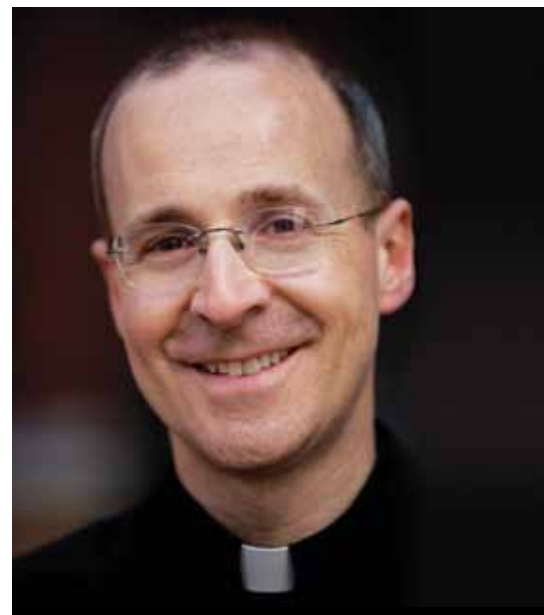
Here you imagine yourself in a Gospel scene with as much vividness as possible. If that sounds odd, remember that your imagination is a gift from God, and is often an important way that God can communicate with us. Select a favorite Scripture passage, and envision yourself in the scene, asking yourself a few questions to help your meditation: What do I see? What do I hear? What do I feel? What do I smell? What do I taste? For many people, "entering into" the New Testament in an imaginative way enables them to appreciate the Gospels, and Jesus, in a highly personal way.

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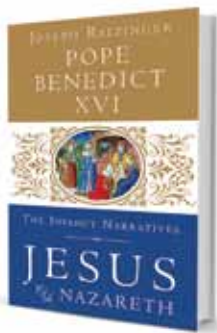
This is another popular way of encountering God through Scripture, which originated in the monastic world. Open up to your favorite Scripture passage, ask God to direct your prayer, and then ask four questions: What does the text say? What does the text say to me? What do I want to say to God about this text? And what difference will the text make in my life?

What kinds of things "come up" in prayer? Often you'll notice surprising emotions, memories, desires and insights. And when you notice—pay attention. These are all ways that God communicates with us, and enters into relationship with us. And, as in any relationship, it is often in these one-on-one moments that we can hear the most clearly.

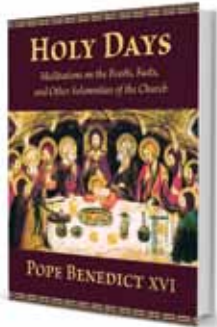
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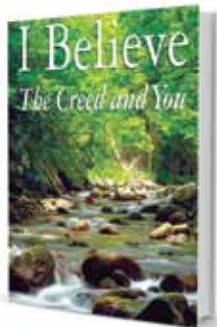
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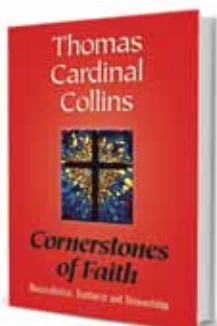
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Five Must Reads for the Year of Faith

Each year there are about 350,000 books published in the English language. Among them, if you look very carefully, you'll find some useful nuggets to help you make your way through the Year of Faith.

Pope Benedict XVI declared that the Year of Faith would begin in October 2012, when the Church would mark the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Vatican II. It will end November 2013.

Over the course of the year, Catholics around the world are asked to delve into the Church's history and traditions, notably in liturgy, prayer, the Creed, scripture and the sacraments. Whether in our parishes, through groups, or in the privacy of our own studies, we are encouraged to read, pray and meditate on our faith.

Below you will find a very brief list of books that touch on these themes:

Jesus of Nazareth: the Infancy Narratives, by Pope Benedict XVI. This third volume in Benedict's insightful exploration of the life of Christ reminds us once again why the story of Jesus remains relevant not just for all Christians, but for all of humanity. Though a world-class theologian, Benedict writes in warm, accessible language. His love of Jesus and respect for the scriptural tradition shines through each page.

Holy Days: Meditations on the Feasts, Fasts and Other Solemnities of the Church, by Pope Benedict XVI. Once again, the writings of the recently retired pope help all Catholics remind them of the beauty and richness of their traditions. These short reflections walk readers through the mysteries of the liturgical calendar for the entire year.

I Believe: The Creed and You. Catholics were asked during this particular year to learn more about the Creed and meditate on its meaning in their own lives. This book, written by retired University of Ottawa religious studies professor *James Forsyth* is an easy-to-understand guide. It explores the Creed one statement at a time, uncovering both theological and personal meaning.

Prayer in the Digital Age, by Matt Swain. Having trouble turning off your iPhone? Overwhelmed by all the noise of the modern world? American Matt Swain understands and can help you disconnect from a wired life and reconnect with the great spiritual masters such as Ignatius of Loyola, St. Therese of Lisieux and John Paul II.

Cornerstones of Faith: Reconciliation, Eucharist and Stewardship, by Thomas Cardinal Collins. The Archbishop of Toronto thoughtfully and prayerfully reflects on the importance of these two prime sacraments and the call to mission announced at the end of each Mass to "Go and serve the Lord." The prose is straightforward and easy to understand, while each chapter concludes with useful study questions for meditation or group discussion.

There are, of course, many more books that can be usefully read during this Year of Faith. Those mentioned here were chosen as representative of the themes and for their accessibility. They are all short and can be read quickly and profitably.

by Joseph Sinasac

Publishing Director for Novalis, Canada's Catholic publisher

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Energized by the power of the Holy Spirit...

A Reflection on the New Evangelization

The Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith made a simple, but profound statement concerning faith: “For the first Christian communities, communion was a constitutive element of the life of faith” (*Prop. 41*). Communion is not simply the sociological result of faith, but transformed relationships are a constitutive and essential element of faith. Faith in Jesus draws us into a deep and abiding relationship with God and a network of relationships with our neighbours which breaks all barriers: “He is our peace... and has broken down the dividing wall...so that he might create in himself one new humanity” (*Eph. 2: 14-15*).

“One new humanity” is the work of Jesus. In the Gospel of John, after Judas has left the table of the Last Supper, Jesus declares: “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him” (*Jn. 13: 31*). The total self-giving love of the cross reveals the glory of God. An ancient icon of the Church depicts Jesus rising to the Father holding Eve by one hand, Adam by the other. Jesus’ embrace of his brothers and sisters is inseparable from his embrace of the Father. We recognize these two inseparable dimensions of faith—relationship with Jesus and transformed relationship with our brothers and sisters—at every celebration of the Eucharist. It is our custom that everyone approach the Eucharistic Table at communion time. Children and those who are not in full communion receive a blessing while others partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord. Returning to our places, a rubric in the new Roman Missal asks that we remain standing until all in the community have experienced communion in the Eucharistic Lord. By standing, we acknowledge that union with Jesus and union with our brothers and sisters are inseparable. All differences and divisions between us are submerged. In the glory of God, the transforming love of our Crucified and Risen Lord, we are “one new humanity” (*Eph. 2: 15*).

After the Communion Rite, we are sent into the world: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!” After Jesus explains how he will glorify God, he tells us how we will radiate that glory: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another” (*Jn 13: 34*). We see this in the Acts of the Apostles which states that people “even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he came by” (*Acts 5: 15*). Peter’s shadow, his very presence, radiated the glory of God, the other-centred love of the cross of Jesus. Even those who did not know Jesus were touched by the power of his presence alive in the person of Peter. This opened them to the message of the gospel: “more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women” (*Acts 5: 14*).

The ministry of Pope Francis takes us back to this witness of Peter in the early Church. The simplicity of his presence, his radiant smile, washing the feet of the young people, including two women and two Muslims, embracing a handicapped man, tenderly kissing a child—Pope Francis has touched our world as the “shadow” of Peter touched his world. The example of Pope Francis teaches that we, too, can be like the “shadow” of Peter to the secular world around us. St. Paul tells us: “There are varieties of gifts...there are varieties of services...there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone” (*1Cor 12: 4-6*). Paul enumerates a dozen or more gifts and services which were present in the Corinthian Church. The Church of Corinth was enumerated in the dozens, not the hundreds of members! In effect, Paul is pointing out that every individual Christian has a unique capacity to proclaim Jesus to the world. When our natural gifts are energized by the power of the Holy Spirit, God’s glory shines on all, preparing even the secularized men and women of our world to receive the saving message of the Gospel.

by Most Reverend John Corriveau, OFM Cap.
Bishop of Nelson, British Columbia

Bishop Corriveau was one of four Canadian Bishop delegates to the Synod on the New Evangelization in October, 2012.

Seeing is Believing

ON A RECENT TRIP to Edmonton, Alberta I spent some time at the Marian Centre. During my time there I began to understand more clearly what John the Baptist meant when he said “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mat 4:17). I’ll admit, I didn’t have a very good understanding of what that meant prior to some scripture classes. Most of the time it filled me with dread, maybe even a vague terror as I imagined God throwing down the gavel and pronouncing sentence. Thankfully I’ve grown in understanding, but still there’s so much to grasp. And here’s where the Marian Centre enters the story.

At the Marian Centre there’s a term they use to describe the people they serve. They call them ‘Christophers’ in other words Christ-bearers. I learned that their mission is less about handing out food as it is about inviting everyone to participate in a new way of seeing.

Here’s what I mean. I recently watched the film *Les Misérables*. There’s a scene where a priest finds the protagonist Jean Valjean sleeping outside in the cold. The priest invites him into his rectory and treats him as an honoured guest. He then invites Jean Valjean to stay the night and while the priest sleeps, Jean Valjean makes off with all the silver he can carry. The police catch Jean Valjean and he is brought before the priest. And here’s where it gets interesting. The priest has a choice. He can acknowledge the person in front of him as just an unrepentant thief who needs to be brought to justice or he can embrace him. In a moment of grace,

the priest sees past Jean’s desperate actions to what Jean is really seeking, help and hope. He does something extraordinary; he calls Jean Valjean my friend and he gives him the candlesticks along with the stolen silverware as a gift. He blesses Jean and commends his soul to God. And this encounter is a turning point for Jean.

That type of encounter is exactly what is at the heart of the mission at the Marian Centre. It’s a place where both the volunteers and the ‘Christophers’ participate in a new way of seeing the world and themselves.

Now, to return to the idea of repentance, the call to this type of encounter is at the heart of the new evangelization. The new evangelization

is about renewal and yes, repentance. It is about changing our mindset and learning to view others and ourselves as God views us, which can only happen if we, like Jean Valjean, are willing to accept who we are and what we have done and open ourselves to be transformed by God’s grace. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” I also learnt that repentance is ongoing as we constantly grow in the realization of just how badly we need to be restored and how reassuringly close the kingdom of heaven truly is. The Marian Centre is a wonderful opportunity to see with new eyes God’s grace at work in the world.

by Cheridan Sanders



■ Cheridan (center) with the Marian Centre’s lay apostolates.

“...view others and ourselves as God views us.”

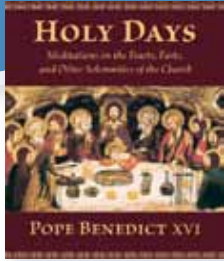


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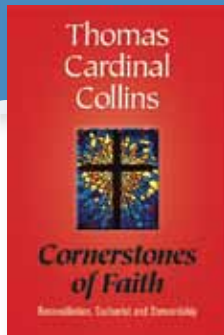


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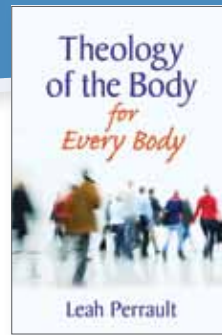
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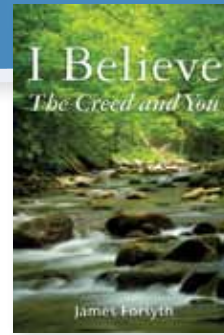
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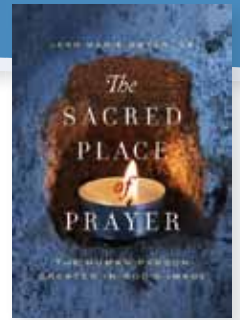
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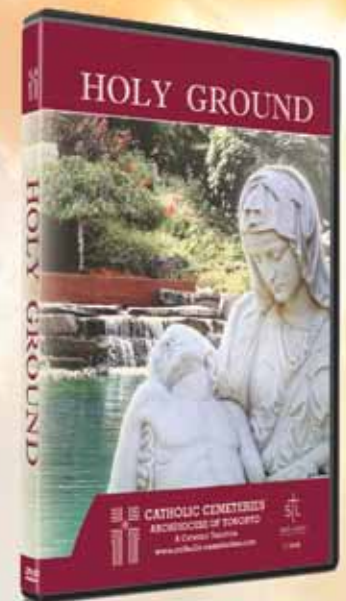
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Thy Kingdom Come: a job with benefits out of this world

Salt and Light's Cheridan Sanders interviews Sara Michel about her experience at Development and Peace.

You've held positions with Canada's departments of Defense and Foreign Affairs, jobs that most young people would love to have. What made you leave it all behind? Was it a slow revelation or a flash of insight that prompted the decision?

Leaving my work with the Government of Canada was the result of a very slow revelation which I tested over and over again. Mainly because of how counter-cultural it is to leave a stable, prestigious position to pursue instead a seemingly elusive yearning to serve God and my fellow human beings.

You've worked in Cuba and Bolivia on mission. What's the goal with this type of experience?

My goals before going, and the actual impact these experiences had, were completely different. And I am very grateful for that. My goals before going were to serve, and to experience the lives of people living in a different context. What resulted however, was a great sense of awe at the complexity of God's creation and His presence at work in people's lives; and my physical and intellectual limitations in light of that. For example, I went to Cuba as a volunteer to serve a poor community of youth by working on their local farm. Instead I learned the beauty of enjoying a simple, sustainable life, and experienced a very rare sense of community and solidarity. Through that experience I learnt that the goal in mission work is to be open to hearing people's stories; stories that witness to and glorify God's presence at work in people's lives.

Having worked at non-Catholic development agencies, such as the UN Food Program in Rome, how does faith change the nature of development work? In other words, what makes Catholic development work different?

It is the recognition that human beings are not just physical and mental beings, but spiritual as well. The Catholic Church recognizes the inherent dignity of human beings, and the need for integral human development. It is very easy to cater to peoples' material needs, but not so easy to help them restore the sense of dignity that God has granted all of us. The task then is to work in partnership with others, and to sometimes take responsibility for our own contribution to their suffering.

In the Second Vatican Council it states..."The demands of justice must first of all be satisfied; what is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift in charity. The causes of evils, and not merely their effects, should be eliminated."

Any thoughts?

This is the essence of the work of Development and Peace: to educate Canadians on the root causes of poverty and injustice, and to support organizations towards sustainable social change. It is not about giving gifts of charity, but about being the hands and feet of Jesus to bring about God's Kingdom on earth.

What's inspiring you right now?

I am very inspired by the example of Pope Francis. His humility and his love, which he couples with clarity of vision and firmness.

In a recent interview, you've said that you could grow old in an organization like D&P, that's a rare thing to say these days. What is about working there that makes you say that?

With Development and Peace I feel I have come home—to an organization which "has it right." From its roots that are nourished by the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings, to its model of development through partnership, and even to its internal human resource policy, I admire and have come to love Development & Peace. Any one of these aspects is challenged by current norms, and yet the organization remains firm and true to its mission.



Sara Michel is Regional Animator (Alberta/MacKenzie Fort Smith) for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.



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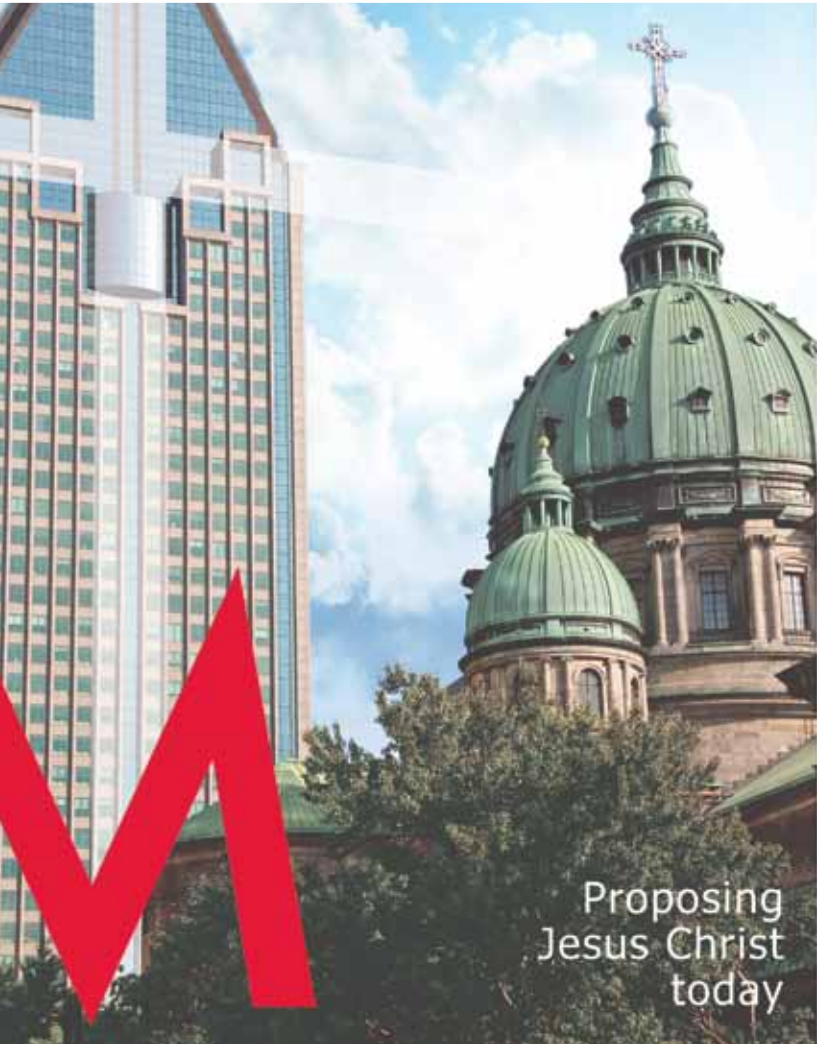
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Small wonder ten years on, **SALT + LIGHT** still surprises

SIX MONTHS. THAT'S HOW LONG a Catholic television network could survive in Canada, a now deceased Canadian Bishop warned Fr. Thomas Rosica in 2002. A secular country like Canada, the cleric explained, simply didn't have a market for religious programming.

No wager was placed on the prediction, but the odds were decidedly in the skeptic's favour. The United States has more than one Catholic television network, but their population is five times that of Canada. Several predominantly Catholic countries in Europe also have such channels, but some are bankrolled by episcopal conferences that, in turn, receive government funding.

And then there was the obstacle of Canada's unique government regulations. Given that the Canadian Radio-television and



Joseph Communications—Canada's largest privately owned communications company.

Back in 2002, even at the age of 86, however, Gaetano's work wasn't complete. He felt called to launch a Catholic television network, despite having no background in the television industry. The man who Gagliano asked to lead it, Fr. Rosica, had similar attributes; whatever these men lacked in broadcasting expertise, they made up for with a fearless attitude towards big projects. When he was contacted by Gagliano, the American-born Basilian priest was wrapping up his work as CEO of World Youth Day 2002, a massive religious celebration in Toronto led by Blessed John Paul II.

During a visit by Rosica to the Vatican for a WYD debriefing luncheon, Pope John Paul II asked what he would do after World Youth Day. Rosica answered that he considered returning to the university, while mentioning Gagliano's proposal to helm Salt + Light. Upon hearing about the latter idea, the Holy Father perked with interest.

"Televisione cattolica," he replied approvingly. "You're living in a mission country! Take the television!" While the Pope's recommendation was non-binding, it was enough to persuade Rosica.

"Salt + Light was born on the wings of World Youth Day,"

How has S+L grown in the past ten years?



"Looking back at the growing curve of S+L, there were huge spikes whenever we covered international events, such as the death of JP II, World Youth Days, Eucharistic Congresses, and, most recently, the conclave, which catapulted us onto the world stage."

~ Antoniette Palumbo

Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) doesn't allow single-faith networks to operate on basic cable, would religiously inclined viewers be willing to purchase an extended satellite and cable packages?

It's now been ten years since that conversation between the late bishop and Fr. Rosica took place. During that time, Salt + Light's continued success has surprised many, but not its founder, Gaetano Gagliano.

"He knew it would happen," Rosica says of Gagliano. "He's a deeply religious and spiritual man. He's a man of the Church and a visionary."

He's also no stranger to new enterprises. Accompanied by his wife Giuseppina and their growing family, Gagliano emigrated from Italy soon after World War II. He began a small printing press in his basement, which rapidly expanded to become St.

"The number of viewers supporting S+L has grown enormously. In the beginning, we relied mainly on the generosity of the family of our founder, Gaetano Gagliano. Today, our donor base extends across the country, including hundreds of monthly contributors to our Guardian Program."

~ Christopher Ketelaars



Rosica often says. This is true in more ways than one. The most obvious carryovers were the broadcast centre—converted from the WYD office on Yonge Street—and the staff. Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann, the artistic director of WYD, was one of several staff who continued working under Rosica. He now hosts “Perspectives Weekly” and the “Salt + Light Radio Hour”, in addition to being the creator of “In Your Faith” and several documentaries.

“The studio was a small room,” recalls Guevara-Mann. “There was little equipment. Barely any lights. As much as possible, we would shoot outdoors because it was easier.”

The Panamanian-born producer adds, “It was exciting to be a part of something new, not really even understanding what it was that we were starting.”

The initial program line-up was filled with a lot of Italian



“I’ve been at S+L from day one. During these ten years, we have seen hundreds of volunteers and interns pass through the doors of Salt + Light to bring us inspiration and be a part of our mission. Our growth is thanks to them.”
~ Javier Capella

shows, many repeats, and little original content. But steadily, S+L began developing its own slate of series. These included “In Conversation”, featuring the founder, Gaetano Gagliano, and the interview series “Witness”. S+L’s growing roster of on-screen talent, including Mary Rose Bacani, was showcased in the program “Salt + Light Magazine”. Bacani and Guevara-Mann were also among the hosts of “Catholic Focus”, the long-running current affairs series that has now surpassed 350 episodes.

In those early years, when S+L was largely unknown even amongst Catholics, Bacani and her colleagues faced the daunting challenge of building an audience from scratch.

“We understood that Catholic TV should speak of what is true, good, and beautiful,” she remembers. “If that’s what every human heart is looking for, and if we deliver that, then people will watch. Being an authentic witness will win hearts.”

A pivotal experience in the development of the S+L team was the making of “Journey of Light”, one of the network’s first documentaries.

“It was such an incredible spiritual experience for me and the crew,” Bacani says with a smile, describing how the team bonded during their filming in the Holy Land. “We were all falling more in love with Jesus Christ.”

Another early documentary, “Love is a Choice: The Life of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla,” introduced even more viewers to the network. To date, S+L has sold thousands of DVD copies



in English, French, Spanish and Italian, in addition to licensing versions for broadcast in other languages.

Salt + Light's catalogue of documentaries has grown to cover a wide range of topics: euthanasia ("Turning the Tide"), the wartime legacy of Pope Pius XII ("A Hand of Peace"), monastic life ("This Side of Eden"), and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ("Across the Divide"). A first for S+L was the international premiere of "In Her Footsteps: The Story of Kateri Tekakwitha", which was shown in Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran on the eve of St. Kateri's canonization.

Just as S+L's content has diversified, so have the number of media platforms, which include an online radio station, a biannual magazine and a popular blog. Like other TV networks, S+L's audience has increasingly shifted to online viewing. Viewers can live stream the network at any time, in addition to watching hundreds of hours of programs on-demand.

Guevara-Mann believes that S+L's biggest change in the past decade has been evolving from a TV station into a comprehensive multimedia organization.

"Would St. Paul have a television network or Twitter account?" he asks rhetorically. "TV remains a huge part of what we do, but there's so much it can't do."

S+L's online presence grows exponentially whenever a major ecclesial event takes place—and, for Catholic media, nothing gets bigger than a conclave. In March 2013, visitors to the S+L website doubled, Facebook activity surged +174%, and Twitter followers multiplied five-fold. At its peak, as many as 9000 viewers were watching the live stream at one time, accounting for dozens of countries and every continent.

"The Church outside Canada knows we're here," Rosica says, hinting that the future knows no borders. And no longer does anyone question the viability of homegrown Catholic media.

"We're building on solid foundation. I don't know what the next ten years will bring, but there's something exciting awaiting us."

by Kris Dmytrenko



Salt makes sense when you use it in order to make things more tasty. I also consider that salt stored in the bottle, with moisture, loses strength and is rendered useless. The salt that we have received is to be given out, to be given away, in order to spice things up: otherwise, it becomes bland and useless. We must ask the Lord not to let us become Christians with flavorless salt, with salt that stays closed in the bottle. Salt also has another special feature: when salt is used well, one does not notice the taste of salt. The savour of salt - it cannot be perceived! What one tastes is the flavour of the food: salt helps improve the flavor of the meal. When we preach faith, with this salt, those who receive the proclamation, receive it each according to his peculiarity, as happens when salt is used judiciously on food. Each with his own peculiarities receives the salt and becomes better for it."

Pope Francis

Daily Homily of May 23, 2013
Vatican City



► Fr. Rosica meeting Pope Francis during his first general audience on March 16, 2013.

10 Most Popular Salt + Light Videos

- 1 Habemus Papabili—Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle
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- 3 Pope Francis greets faithful at St. Anne Parish after mass
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Peter Mansbridge on **Salt and Light at Ten Years**

► Fr. Rosica, Cardinal Ouellet, Peter Mansbridge and Sebastian Gomes in Rome for the Conclave.



As the white smoke poured skyward out of the chimney on the Sistine Chapel on that unforgettable night of March 13, 2013, there was excitement in St Peter's Square, and anticipation in the anchor booths of television networks from around the world. Would it be Scola of Italy? Could it be Ouellet of Canada? We were all ready for all of those who the commentators had proclaimed the "favourites".

I was in one of those booths—the CBC's of course—broadcasting to millions back home who were equally wondering just what decision the Cardinals of the Catholic Church had made. But I was thinking something else—"Where's Father Tom?"

Father Tom is of course Father Thomas Rosica of Canada's "Salt and Light Catholic Television Network". He had sat beside me so many times over the past years, all critical moments in the life of past popes and the church they served. The election of Pope Benedict, the funeral of Pope John Paul the Second, World Youth Day and the list goes on. A terrific broadcaster who could make the most complicated of church process understandable not only to Catholics but to anyone from any religion who was watching. That's such a key ingredient needed for broadcast success and Father Tom has it. No wonder I was anxious he get to my side as quickly as possible to help guide us through the intricacies of what was to come.

But on this visit to Rome others had also determined that Father Tom's abilities went far beyond just helping the CBC! Namely the Vatican itself, who enlisted the Rosica expertise to help them modernize their communications wing. And modernize they did and by the end of the Conclave there were few, if any, reporters from around the world who were complaining they didn't get the help they needed to do the job.

Of course that was all very nice, and I'm proud of my long time friend and colleague, but at that moment all I cared about was getting his expertise beside me! And thankfully at that very moment he was climbing the hillside to our booth location overlooking St Peter's. As he had promised, as soon as the white smoke appeared, he'd leave his Vatican office and start humping his way up the steps to our spot. As I was babbling on the air, filling time, I finally saw him slide into the back of our booth. Believe me, that was a relief. But nothing like the relief to come.

When the doors opened on the Vatican loggia for the first indication of who the new Pope was to be, a hush fell over the huge crowd that had gathered in the square and all television commentators followed suit. The anticipation had reached its zenith.

As the Vatican Cardinal leaned forward to speak into the microphone, in Latin, the message was not clear. "Habemus Papam..." The words seemed almost garbled. I know they were certainly garbled to me. And other anchors told me later they were equally puzzled and had no idea what name had been uttered.

For some it was minutes before it became clear to them who the new Pope was.

But not on the CBC. Without missing a beat, Father Tom said "Oh my God, it's Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, Sebastian Gomes, the young Salt and Light producer working with me and I just talked with him three nights ago and he'd said to us: "Pray for me!"".

In those few seconds I managed to pull our profile research paper on the man who was to become Pope Francis, and complement Father Tom's ad libs with some of the background that helped our audience know the new Pontiff better and our broadcast continued more or less flawlessly.

But make no mistake, I know why our coverage worked and why so many people depended on it. If the man from "Salt and Light" had stopped for a latte on the way up that hill that evening, I'd still be sitting there trying to figure out who the new Pope was!

Which brings me to the reason I've written this little story. Not only is Father Tom a colleague, he's the head of a highly successful television network that conducts its work with love and dedication. It's been ten years now since the little network began and many wondered whether it could survive in the battleground which is Canada's television landscape. Through the hard work of many young people, and the solid direction and commitment of my friend, it has.

Happy Tenth Anniversary Salt and Light—you've certainly earned it!

LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS



■ Msgr. José María Gil Tamayo, Fr. Federico Lombardi SJ, and Fr. Rosica in the Sistine Chapel.

Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ, *Director of the Holy See Press Office*

Dear Friends,

With all my heart I send best wishes to Salt and Light Television on its tenth anniversary. From its very first days, I have known and appreciated Salt and Light, having followed closely the preparation and unfolding of the marvelous World Youth Day in Toronto in 2002, which had “salt and light” not only as its theme but its very inspiration. For that event, as with many others, I was with Pope John Paul II in Toronto and it was then that I met Fr. Thomas Rosica and have since become his admirer and friend.

How well I remember when Fr. Rosica spoke to me over ten years ago about the plans for a new Catholic Television Network in Canada, approved of and desired by the Bishops, to give continuity and support to the new, positive and youthful emphasis that the Canadian Church had experienced through World Youth Day 2002, following years that were quite difficult for the Church. I was then Director of Programming at Vatican Radio and of the Vatican Television Centre, which allowed me to be deeply

involved in social communications at the service of the Church. I was and remain convinced that Catholic television and radio must multiply and spread in order to build up a closely knitted network in order to always better reach the diverse communities and regions of the world, but remaining linked among themselves in such a way so as to build up the Church as a united community. My personal motto as a Christian communicator has always been: “communication for communion”, communication for dialogue, in order to help people to mutually understand one another and to be united in a human and Christian community. Each time that I have seen this spirit at work among those involved in communications, I have experienced a great joy, and it is this very joy that I saw when Salt and Light was born. I have seen this spirit grow and develop with enthusiasm and success for the past decade.

The service of ecclesial communication that takes place in Rome always has a vital need of collaboration with the various regions of the world. It is only locally that one can establish a Catholic television network that responds well to the hopes of the population of a

particular region, because the television network knows very well the languages, problems and expectations of the people of a particular area. The network can present witnesses of the faith, people from the world of culture, pastors and bishops who can be in direct contact with the public through a particular television network in their country.

On the other hand, it is from Rome that we must make available to local television networks images, testimonies, the voice of the Pope and of his close collaborators who work with him at the centre of the Church; information from the various parts of the universal Church that meet in Rome during Synods of Bishops, canonizations, great events that have relevance for the whole world. We must send these images and information on Papal visits throughout the world. Such images make known and build up the unity of the international community that we call Church.

For these reasons, Salt and Light Catholic Television Network is necessary because through it, the message of the Pope is able to reach Canadians and Americans, and many others linked to Salt and Light through its massive website and live streaming features. Salt and Light is able to reach so many people of good will who desire solid information and full evangelization in their own particular culture and surroundings, by bringing them the message from Rome. We truly need one another to fulfill our missions of communications. I think that this is one of the most efficient ways of fulfilling the “new evangelization” to which recent Popes have called us. What is our role? To enable the encouraging and positive message of the Gospel to arrive in peoples’ homes through television, Internet, mobile devices that everyone seems to have—this message really becomes salt and light, hope and love for the life of our dynamic, but also very confused world. Our mission is to give good news, tell beautiful stories of life and of lives dedicated to other people, to take into consideration the poor, of the need for more justice and peace in our world, to invite people into a deeper understanding and mutual respect for diverse cultures,



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and to build up the community of Toronto and of many Canadian cities and towns into a real community of Church that has so many faces and names: Canadians, North and South Americans, Europeans, Asians, Africans, etc...

Whether here in Rome or when I have traveled throughout the world, I have always been struck by how many positive messages the Popes have spoken to people in today's world. I have often reflected on the fact that I am very privileged because my work is to help the Pope spread these very special messages for the good of all. To serve the spread of the Gospel is to serve the good of all peoples. I know that I can do this job better because Salt and Light Television exists along with other television networks like it.

We wish to continue our cooperation and common growth on this path. The recent collaboration of Fr. Tom Rosica and Sebastian Gomes given to us during the time of transition between two pontificates was invaluable to me and to the Vatican Press Office. But I also believe that it was a great occasion for Salt and Light to develop relationships with the entire world, and in particular with Canadian and American Media. Together we were able to provide good information and a better and more just vision of the Pope and the Catholic Church. There will be many more occasions to go even further than what we did together this past Lent. May the Lord accompany you and preserve your enthusiasm and your sincere love for the unity of the Church!

Ad multos annos, Salt and Light!



Dear Fr. Rosica,
Dear Friends at Salt and Light Catholic Television Network,

For over ten years now Salt and Light has been engaged in a key area of evangelization, using modern media to communicate the Gospel. The team at Salt and Light is much to be commended for their dedication to the mission of evangelization, and for their creative and technical expertise which is clearly evident in the excellent work which they have produced over the past decade.

The light of Christ shines through the saints, and Salt and Light has produced numerous DVDs that tell their story to inspire and guide us all in our lives of discipleship. On television, radio, and the internet Salt and Light has spread the Gospel in this modern world. In my own ministry as a bishop, proclaiming the Word of God, I am truly grateful for the assistance which Salt and Light provides in televising the celebration of Lectio Divina each month at St Michael's cathedral in Toronto, which allows many to participate in this ancient form of scriptural prayer.

May God abundantly bless all who have devoted their lives so selflessly to the evangelizing mission of Salt and Light over the past ten years.

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

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LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS

Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli
*President of the Pontifical Council
for Social Communications*



Dear Fr. Rosica,

It is a pleasure for me to send my cordial greetings and congratulations to you, your staff and all who generously support the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, which is now marking its tenth year anniversary.

I am grateful for all that you and your collaborators have done over the years in producing and promoting inspirational Catholic programming. I am impressed with your outreach, both to millions of television viewers via cable and satellite, and to many others around the world through your website and apps for mobile platforms. This work is an important contribution to the new evangelization.

It is good that your programming connects the local Church with the universal Church through news, documentaries, interviews and broadcasts of liturgical celebrations presided over by the Holy Father. Your catechetical programs, especially the multi-lingual documentaries on the new Saints and Blesseds, offer a special service to the Church around the world. Moreover, your coverage of current issues is helpful in bringing to light important moral and ethical themes from a Christian perspective.

It is also good to see that you have involved young adults from Canada and many other countries who share in and can contribute to the Church's mission of witness and evangelization. They can offer their dynamism and expertise in the use of new media by proclaiming the Gospel in the most effective ways, using the new media languages and better engaging with the rapidly changing cultures in which we live.

I would also like to thank you for your assistance to other Catholic media outlets throughout the world, especially in developing countries. This solidarity is important and strengthens the bonds of fellowship among Catholics around the world.

I conclude with a quote from Blessed John Paul II, whom you will recall very well when he was in Toronto for World Youth Day eleven years ago. Addressing young people, he said: "The world you are inheriting is a world which desperately needs a new sense of brotherhood and human solidarity. It is a world which needs to be touched and healed by the beauty and richness of God's love. It needs witnesses to that love. The world needs salt. It needs you—to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

Please continue to be that salt and light which the world needs today! Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you and your ministry.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
*Archbishop of New York
President of the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops*

Dear Fr. Rosica,

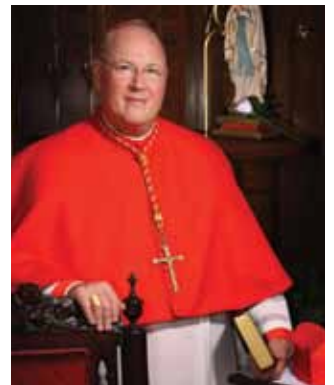
I am delighted to send you special greetings as you begin the tenth year anniversary celebrations of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. It seems like yesterday that we were all gathered in Toronto for World Youth Day 2002, the blessed event that would give birth to the establishment of Canada's first national Catholic television network one year later.

Over the past decade, I have personally witnessed how a small, media project has grown into a major, multi-platformed media enterprise that has served not only your entire country, but the American Church and so many other countries throughout the world. As Cardinal Archbishop of New York, I have personally benefited from your cooperation with our Catholic Channel for the past years. As President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I have witnessed how far your work and message have gone throughout our vast land. Your catechetical programs, especially your multi-lingual documentaries on the new saints and blesseds, have made a significant contribution to the universal Church. It is my hope that as you continue to make in-roads into the United States, and are carried on American cable carriers and satellite television systems, the Church in the USA will welcome Salt and Light with open arms.

Your presence most recently at the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith, your own leadership role with the media of that Synod and the presence of Salt and Light on the inside of the Synod has made a great difference for us all! Your message is one of hope—featuring the Church that is "alive and young." Salt and Light is living proof of the New Evangelization at work.

Fraternally in Christ,

Timothy Cardinal Dolan





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A Latin American World Youth Day

IN 1984, POPE JOHN PAUL II invited youth from around the world to St. Peter's Square. That Palm Sunday, 300,000 young people came! This was the beginning of World Youth Days.

Since then, international WYDs have taken place all over the world: Argentina, Spain, Poland, USA, the Philippines, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia. This summer, the event returns to Latin America. This is significant because we now have a Latin American pope.

Several essential elements of our faith are always present at WYD: the cross, pilgrimage, teaching, service and celebration. In effect, WYD is a pilgrimage under the cross towards Christ, to meet with the Holy Father and the Church. With each other, pilgrims learn about, connect with, and celebrate our faith, doing so in a spirit of reconciliation and worship, along with Mary and the Saints. But these should not be solely found at WYD; this is what we should see in the Church always. I've been lucky. In Panama, where I grew up, this is exactly the Church that I experienced.

In 1997, bishops gathered with Pope Benedict for the fifth general conference of Latin America and of the Caribbean in Aparecida, Brazil. The then-President of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, presented the concluding document. He said in an interview that the Church of Latin America is a Church that is missionary and Marian. Again, this is the Church that I knew growing up. It's also the Church that pilgrims

can expect to see at WYD in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this July.

The missionary characteristic will be particularly on display during Mission Week, which replaces the "Days in the Dioceses" held at previous WYDs. Likewise, the Church's Marian character will be present during this WYD—not only because Our Lady of Aparecida is the principal Patroness of Brazil, but because Latin Americans love Mary, from Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico to Our Lady of Luján in Argentina.

Last December, I had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a meeting in Rome to review the 1999 papal message "Ecclesia in America", a document that has become the road-map for the Church in our continent. In our discussions, not surprisingly, the term "New Evangelization" kept coming up. We learned about Our Lady of Guadalupe and how she is the "New Evangelizer par excellence". Leading people to Christ is what the work of evangelization is about, and this is what Mary does best. That's what it means to be a missionary Church, which World Youth Days have epitomized since 1984.

May Our Lady of Aparecida intercede for us, so that the work of World Youth Days will continue to be blessed by her Son, and that we will never cease to long for an encounter with Him. May we be ready to receive Him when He comes to encounter us, whether in Rio this summer, or as you watch WYD unfold on Salt + Light TV.

by Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann

THE CHURCH

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Hosts Cheridan Sanders & Sebastian Gomes

How are we, as a community, going to reignite the flame of faith in each other and in a society which has lost interest, or strayed away? The work of the New Evangelization demands a renewed enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment to the Catholic faith, and a creative engagement with the modern world whose "joys and hopes, grief and anguish are those of the followers of Christ as well." (*Gaudium et Spes*,1) It was Pope John Paul II who first uttered the words "New Evangelization" while delivering a homily in Poland in June 1979. Pope Benedict XVI continued to bring this concept to life by establishing the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization and calling the Year of Faith. And now, as the world looks on, Pope Francis picks up the torch and takes the New Evangelization on the road. Salt + Light producers Cheridan Sanders and Sebastian Gomes invite you to re-discover the joy of believing as they host, *The Church Alive*, a fast-paced, segmented and interactive show for television and web-based audiences. Designed to get people talking about faith in the modern world, this show provokes and challenges, while sharing hopeful stories of where the New Evangelization is happening. "Yes, the Church is Alive ... and the Church is young." – Pope Benedict XVI



VATICAN connections

with Alicia Ambrosio

Last year at this time we had the idea for a new weekly program that would bring the Vatican into viewers' living rooms. Now *Vatican Connections* is on hiatus after a first, incredibly successful season. The timing of our first season couldn't have been more providential. Just a couple of months after the launch of the new series, Pope Benedict XVI surprised everyone by announcing he was resigning as Bishop of Rome. More than ever people were searching for information about the pope, the Holy See and what would happen during the papal transition. *Vatican Connections* was right there, bringing viewers the information they needed. Perhaps the best endorsement for *Vatican Connections* came from a religious who called in to say "I need to know what decisions are made in Rome about many things that affect my community, and you are the only journalist reporting on what I need to know." *Vatican Connections* returns in the fall to keep bringing you the information you want and need to know about how your Church works.



Over the past decade, Salt + Light has filmed on every continent (except Antarctica). But last summer, as I planned for our next international project, it became clear that this trip would be different than the rest. The first indication was the all-caps advisory on the Government of Canada's website: AVOID ALL TRAVEL.

The destination in question was Niger, a landlocked country in the Sahel region of West Africa. Judging by the tiny airport in Niamey, the capital, most people abide by the warning—with good reason. The government of this chronically underdeveloped nation doesn't have the resources to adequately police remote areas, giving space for al-Qaeda-linked groups to operate. Foreigners are vulnerable to being kidnapped for ransom. Two months after my visit to Niger, an aid worker was killed as five of his colleagues were being abducted.



a new leaf

confronting a food crisis



Kris Dmytrenko is a producer for Salt + Light Television

In most places where S+L has filmed, we've enjoyed the freedom to explore, unaccompanied by guides. This was never an option in Niger. Apart from the security concerns, the poorly maintained roads require an expert driver. The highway between Niger's two largest cities, for example, has mostly deteriorated into a single lane. Meandering in and out of traffic, fearless livestock assert the right of way.

In this struggling economy, most citizens still survive on subsistence farming. So when drought hit, millions of people were directly impacted. Caritas Niger, a development organization endorsed by the local Catholic bishops, sprang into action. Supported by international partners like Development and Peace and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Caritas Niger organized food distributions in remote villages. Their collective efforts were documented in the Salt + Light film "A New Leaf".

Seven months later, I was back on the road, once again accompanied by a team from Development and Peace. We were now premiering the finished documentary to audiences in Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria.

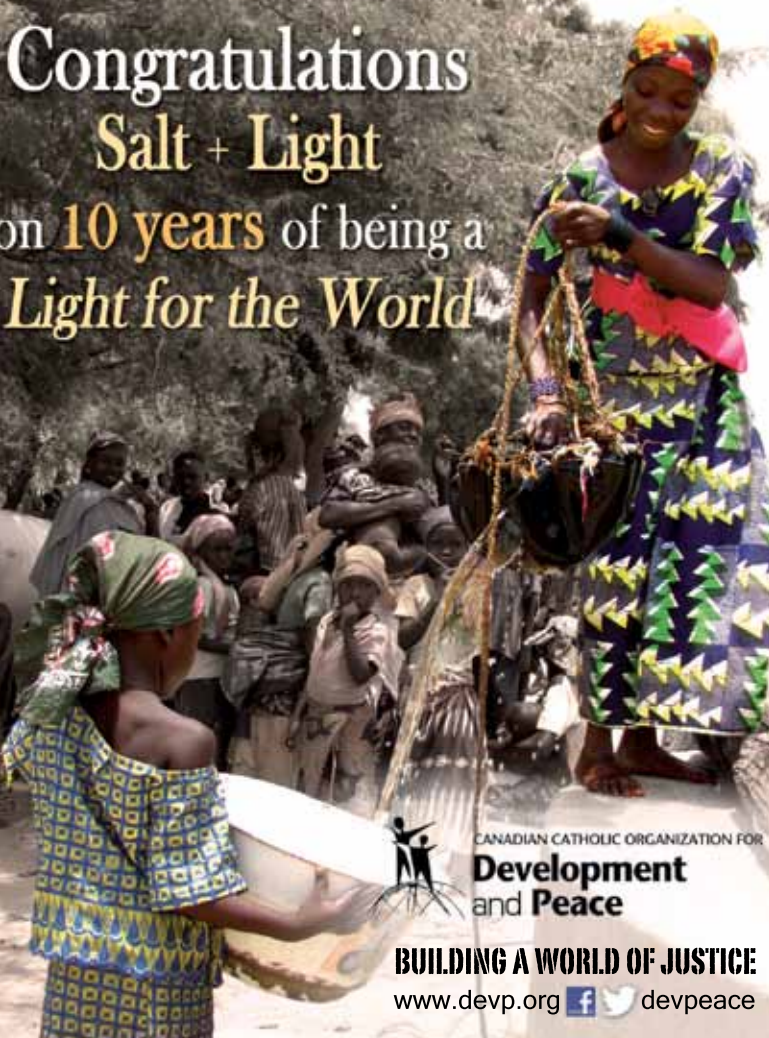
The cross-country flights were considerably less turbulent than the jostling drive through Niger. Yet, at the final screening, I felt as if we were coming full circle. The venues were full of the grassroots supporters of Development and Peace—the very people who, at the regional and parish levels, spearheaded the fundraising that made possible the programs of Caritas Niger.

Virtually none of these people will ever travel to Niger, though we pray for the security that, one day, will open up this beautiful country to the world. Until then, "A New Leaf" exists to show the potential of this nation and, in turn, that of the Canadians whose generosity knows no geographic limits.

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CREATION

For God so loved the world...

I've always been intrigued by the beginning of John 3:16. It doesn't say that God loves human beings; it says that God loves the world. We must too. This has always been central to the Christian message. It was not a surprise that this was one of the first messages of our new Pope, who took the name of Francis, patron of ecology.

In his inaugural Mass, he told all, especially those who are in positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, "Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

In an increasingly "green" world, this message was welcomed by so many around the globe. Indeed, sometimes it seems that nothing today is more important than the need to take better care of our planet. But we need to be careful not to make the need to care for the environment an end in itself.

The good news is that it's not one or the other: Pope Francis (and Pope Benedict before him) is inviting us to embrace the truth that sees all creation as good, full of dignity and deserving of our care: all creation, not just the environment.

This view is what Salt + Light Television, in partnership with the Environmental Science and Studies Department of the University of St. Thomas in Houston, will bring to life with a new documentary series, CREATION. It's an age-old, third option of looking at our environment from the point of view of the Catholic Church—the point of view of God's design.

by Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann

CREATION has been in production since 2010 and looks to offer the answers many are seeking and provide an integral and holistic approach to our ecological challenges. Watch our pilot episode at saltandlighttv.org/creation

The NEW Salt+Light Chinese Programming

SPOTLIGHT

鹽與光天主教媒體 - 全新中文節目部



■ Rodney Leung with Fr. Rosica and Tony Gaglione

Over the past decade, we have continuously thanked God for guiding us through all of the challenges in evangelizing through multimedia and we are very grateful for the blessings we have received through this important ministry. We also greatly appreciate your support, involvement and comments.

At the beginning of 2012, The S+L Chinese programming made a bold breakthrough: we launched the popular S+L program Perspective in both Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese on a weekly basis. The “Perspectives” in Chinese helps our Chinese speaking audience to better understand the current events in the Church in Canada (especially up-coming events at Chinese parishes), the universal Church as well as the Church in China. Through “Perspectives” in Chinese, our audience is able to stay current and deepen their Catholic faith through knowing and learning what is happening in our Church.

In 2013, we welcomed Rodney Leung, a Chinese Catholic with significant experience in Chinese television production, to join our S+L team as the producer and program coordinator for Chinese programming. What a blessings he has been for us! Rodney is responsible for all Chinese programming including production, broadcasting and planning. He is delighted to share his tremendous TV production experience and his Catholic faith with the S+L family and with the Chinese audience, as he learns from and collaborates closely with the S+L family.

As the resignation of Pope Emeritus Benedict was unfolding in February and March, Rodney produced the Chinese version of the popular “Vatican Connections” which covers events from the papal resignation, the period of “Sede Vacante” to

the Conclave that elected Pope Francis. This is another great example of the same message of good news delivered through different languages. We've also created a S+L webpage in Chinese for audience who prefer Chinese language and to watch past programs on-line. You can find the webpage at <http://saltandlighttv.org/chinese>

We have great plans for the future as we strive to bring you even more programming in Chinese. Therefore, we need your continued support through prayers and donations. We invite you to become Guardians of S+L. For more information, please visit www.saltandlighttv.org/guardians or call 1-888-302-7181.

Let us continue to pray for one another along the journey. Thank you for your support!

God bless you all!

在過往的十個年頭，感謝天主的引領，我們得到了意想不到的反應。我們衷心感激你們的支持。

2012年，中文節目組作出了一個突破，一個大膽嘗試，全新的中文節目<教會透視>因而誕生。<教會透視>是特別為華語觀眾報導教會新聞的節目。此構思沿於英語節目組的“Perspectives”，其後我們有了法語版。為配合鹽與光電視的製作方向，我們又有了中文版。這版本以國、粵雙語製作，務求讓更多華語觀眾能透過此節目得知教會的動向，從這些消息中學到教會的教導，深化我們的信仰；普世教會及祖國教會的發展，提醒我們同教會息息相關的密切關係。此外，節目也報導加國本地及國際性的天主教活動資訊，讓大家好準備參與各項活動。

2013年，我們增添了一位新成員梁樂彥先生(Rodney Leung)。梁先生是一名資深的天主教徒，他曾在加拿大多倫多的中文主流媒體擔任節目製作人及主持人。梁先生樂於將他的豐富經驗與我們分享，他更深感榮幸能在鹽與光這大家庭學習，並渴望與大家一起同心地放送天主的喜樂。梁先生獲委任為中文節目部統籌，負責主管及策劃。2月及3月份，梁先生為我們製作了教宗本篤的請辭及選舉新教宗的特輯：<梵蒂岡連線>，此構思也是沿於英語節目“Vatican Connections”。由此可見，語言雖有別，但訊息卻一樣。我們也有統一的網頁版面，讓大家更方便地找尋各項資料。在網頁內也設有節目重溫。

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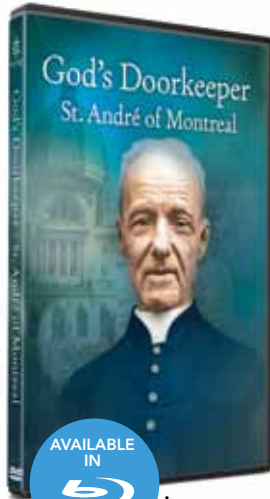
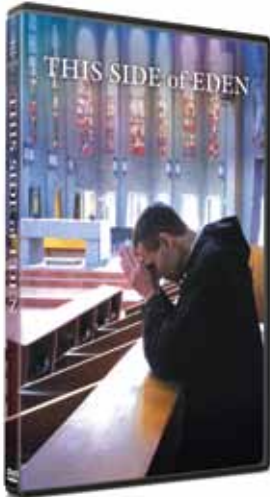
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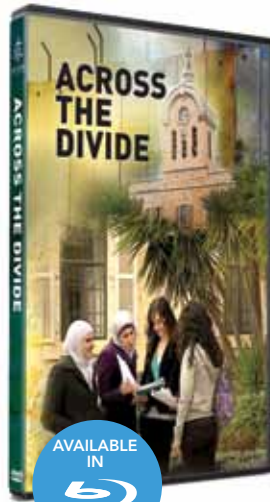
This Side of Eden

From the grand to the mundane, life at Westminster Abbey in Mission, B.C., is anything but ordinary. This Side of Eden presents a poetic, compelling and richly intimate portrait of the Benedictine Monks in the days of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. The subtle splendor of their lives is interwoven with the quiet majesty of the natural world that surrounds them. Stunningly photographed and thoughtfully told, this film offers a meditative glimpse into a unique way of life which is grounded on earth but lived looking beyond.

Gods Doorkeeper

On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys' college drew over a million people to Montreal. For 40 years, Brother André Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André.

On October 17, 2010, Brother André became the first male Canadian-born saint and the first saint for the Congregation of Holy Cross.



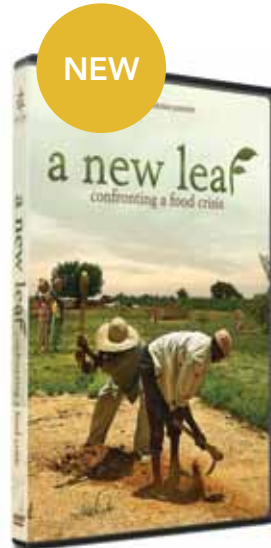
Across the Divide

On the surface, the atmosphere at Bethlehem University resembles any campus in the West. And then you're reminded why this region is unlike any other.

Across the Divide takes viewers to the first university established in the West Bank and the first Catholic university in the Holy Land—an institution whose history has been shaped by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

A New Leaf

In the summer of 2012, a food crisis struck West Africa. Particularly hard hit was Niger, one of the world's least developed nations. Without intervention, the crisis threatened to escalate into a famine. S+L traveled to the country to witness the efforts of Caritas Niger, a Catholic development organization being supported by partners in Canada. Working together, they understand that Niger needs more than a quick fix. To pull this nation out of poverty, it needs to turn over a new leaf.



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In Her Footsteps

For 350 years, a young Christian Mohawk woman has been interceding for and inspiring natives and non-natives around the world. On October 2012, Kateri Tekakwitha became the first Native woman to be recognized as a Saint. This moving documentary takes us on a journey from northern New York State to Montréal and Kahnawà:ke, from Washington State to New Mexico, as we follow St. Kateri's incredible journey of deep faith, heroic sacrifice and love of Christ. Featuring many people who have been touched by her -including the little boy who received the miraculous healing that led to her canonization- the film shows that no one is too simple or too young to follow Christ, and that this woman, whose face was scarred and vision was weak, is still a source of Grace and healing for all.

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Time - ET	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Time - PT
6:00 AM	Palinsesto Italiano							3:00 AM
6:30 AM	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano							3:30 AM
7:00 AM	Perspectives hebdo	Lumière du monde	Perspectives / Échos du Vatican	Perspectives / Églises du monde	Perspectives / Témoin	Perspectives / Audience générale	Focus catholique	4:00 AM
7:30 AM	Catholic Focus	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	4:30 AM
8:00 AM	The Rosary in the Holy Land							5:00 AM
8:30 AM	Children's programming	Messe du jour en direct de l'Oratoire Saint-Joseph						5:30 AM
9:00 AM		Christopher Closeup	Chinese Programming	Documentary / Movie / Series	The Gist	Documentary / Series	Children's programming	6:00 AM
9:30 AM		The Gist			The Commons			6:30 AM
10:00 AM		Reel Faith			Facing Life Head-On	Word on Fire		Context with Lorna Dueck
10:30 AM		Le chapelet à Lourdes						7:30 AM
11:00 AM	Documentario in italiano	Daily Mass						8:00 AM
11:30 AM		Chinese Programming	Word On Fire	Perpetual Help Devotions	Context with Lorna Dueck	Perpetual Help Devotions	Vatican Connections	8:30 AM
12:00 PM	Papal Angelus	Angelus / Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	9:00 AM
12:30 PM	Sunday Mass	Witness	Échos du Vatican	Reel Faith	Christopher Closeup	Documentary / Movie / Series	Witness	9:30 AM
1:00 PM	Chinese Programming	Vatican Connections	Témoin	In Your Faith	Documentary / Series		Aid to the Church in Need	10:00 AM
1:30 PM		Documentary / Movie / Lectio Divina	Perspectives hebdo	The Commons			Where God Weeps	10:30 AM
2:00 PM	La foi prise au mot ou Hors les Murs		Facing Life Head-On	The Gist	Chinese Programming	Reel Faith	11:00 AM	
2:30 PM	This Is the Day		General Audience	This Is the Day		11:30 AM		
3:00 PM	Sunday Mass	Daily Mass						12:00 PM
3:30 PM	The Rosary in the Holy Land			Udienza Generale	The Rosary in the Holy Land			12:30 PM
4:00 PM	Concerto o evento del Vaticano	Documentario in italiano	Concerto o evento del Vaticano		Chinese Programming	Documentario in italiano	Udienza Generale	1:00 PM
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11:00 PM	REPEAT OF PRIME TIME							8:00 PM

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